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DOMINION GRANGE.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TORONTO, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1879.

Dominion Grange met in Sixth Annual Session, in Albert Hall, No. 191 Yonge Street, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Worthy Master E. H. Hilborn in the chair.

After the formal opening of the Grange, the Worthy Master appointed the following to strike the Standing Committees:

Bros. Massey, Doyle and Robinson.

The Committee to strike the Standing Committees reported the following as Committee on Credentials:

Bros. Anderson, Waters and Hughes.

While the Credentials were being examined, Sisters Massey and McRea entertained the Grange with music.

The Worthy Master, in an opening address, complimented the Grange on its progress during the past year; alluded to the business likely to come before the meeting, asking all to enter upon the work of the session with a view to the best interests of the Order. He also referred to the death of Bros. Galer and Abbot, of Quebec, former officers of Dominion Grange, and suggested the adoption of suitable resolutions for presentation to their families.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following officers and members present and entitled to vote:

OFFICERS.

MASTER.....	E. H. HILBORN.....	Uxbridge, Ont.
OVERSEER.....	Not Present.....	
LECTURER.....	S. WHITE.....	Charing Cross, Ont.
STEWARD.....	W. J. MASSEY.....	Belleville, Ont.
ASST. STEWARD.....	D. KENNEDY.....	Peterboro, Ont.
CHAPLAIN.....	Not Present.....	
TREASURER.....	J. P. BULL.....	Downsview, Ont.
SECRETARY.....	W. P. PAGE.....	Fonthill, Ont.
GATE KEEPER.....	Not Present.....	
CERES.....	MRS. L. R. WHITMAN.....	Lennoxville, Que.
POMONA.....	MRS. A. GIFFORD.....	Meaford, Ont.
FLORA.....	Not Present.....	
L. A. STEWARD.....	MRS. W. J. MASSEY...	Belleville, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. GIFFORD,	Meaford, Ont.
S. PARSONS,	Baltimore, Ont.
J. ROBINSON,	Middlemarch, Ont.
A. J. HUGHES,	Sharon, Ont.
J. B. AYLESWORTH,	Newburgh, Ont.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

L. CHEYNE,	Brampton, Ont.
L. R. WHITMAN,	Lennoxville, Que.

HONORARY MEMBER.

S. W. HILL,	Ridgeville, Ont.
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DELEGATES PRESENT—FROM DIVISION GRANGES.

No. 1, S. T. Pettitt.	No. 24, R. McMordie.
No. 2, J. Leader, A. Gifford and wife, R. J. Doyle and wife.	No. 25, Wm. Forrester, E. H. Hil- born and wife.
No. 3, A. H. Pettitt.	No. 26, Not present.
No. 4, Isaiah Willnot.	No. 27, Robt. Currie.
No. 5, W. Mowbray.	No. 28, P. Gilbert and wife.
No. 6, John Wales.	No. 29, Not present.
No. 7, P. McKenzie, R. Lockhart.	No. 30, Not present.
No. 8, Not present.	No. 31, Not present.
No. 9, J. P. Bull, A. J. Hughes, Robt. Marsh.	No. 32, Not present.
No. 10, L. Cheyne, W. J. Oliver.	No. 33, John Lindsay.
No. 11, S. White, John McLean and wife.	No. 34, Chas. Junkin, D. Scully.
No. 12, John Waters.	No. 35, consolidated with No. 14.
No. 13, Not present.	No. 36, A. M. Wigle.
No. 14, S. Parsons and wife, H. Da- vidson, N. Peters and wife.	No. 37, Not present.
No. 15, Wm. Auld, H. McKenzie.	No. 38, Not present.
No. 16, D. Spence and wife, W. T. Pattullo and wife.	No. 39, J. C. Black and wife.
No. 17, Geo. Lethbridge and wife.	No. 40, Not present.
No. 18, J. Robinson.	No. 41, J. A. Sprague.
No. 19, J. B. Aylesworth.	No. 42, Wm. Anderson.
No. 20, T. S. McLeod and wife.	No. 43, Jas. Edge.
No. 21, P. Hepenstall and wife.	No. 44, John Cook, J. H. McRae & wife.
No. 22, Not present.	No. 45, Oscar Ault and wife.
No. 23, Not present.	No. 46, B. Blois.
	No. 47, A. McN. Patterson.
	No. 48, ————
	No. 49, W. E. Starratt & and wife.

No. 50, J. G. McNaughton.

Total—16 officers (of whom 11 were delegates from Divisions); 1 honorary member, and 66 delegates, making a voting membership of 72.

On motion, report of Committee on Credentials was adopted.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, Div. No. 2,

Seconded by J. Robinson, Div. No. 18,

That all matters to be brought before the Grange, be submitted in writing, read by the mover and handed to the secretary, when they shall be con-

sidered by the Grange. All suggestions and resolutions from Division Granges shall be read by the delegate or delegates from such Division; also such resolutions shall have the names of the mover and seconder, and the number of their Division attached.

Carried.

On motion of S. White, Div. No. 11,
Supported by R. McMordie, Div. No. 24,

Resolved,—That the sessions of this meeting of Dominion Grange be as follows, viz : from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and from 2 to 6 p. m.; the evening to be devoted to committee work, or as otherwise ordered by the Grange; that no brother or sister occupy the floor more than five minutes on any question before the Grange without the consent of the Grange.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, Div. No. 2,
Seconded by J. Robinson, Div. No. 18,

That the following order of business be adopted during the daily sessions of this Grange :

- 1st—Opening the Grange.
- 2nd—Calling roll.
- 3rd—Reading minutes of preceding day.
- 4th—Reports of recommendations of officers.
- 5th—Reports of the executive committee.
- 6th—Reports of standing committees.
- 7th—Reports of special committees.
- 8th—Call of roll of Divisions for the introduction of business for reference without debate.
- 9th—Motions and resolutions.
- 10th—Special orders of the day.
- 11th—Unfinished business.
- 12th—New business,

Order adopted.

Moved by J. Robinson, Div. No. 18,
Seconded by A. Gifford, Div. No. 2,

That a Special Committee be appointed to investigate the clauses of the Municipal Act, under which certain Corporations have the power to impose Market Fees, and to draft a Memorial to the Provincial Legislature, praying that all such powers be withdrawn.

Carried.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange met pursuant to adjournment.

Worthy Master submitted his annual report.

WORTHY MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Patrons and Delegates to Dominion Grange ;

Time, in its annual rotation which carries to their destination all material things, has brought us together in the 6th annual session of the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and while such annual reunions, (bringing together as they do, Patrons and friends from widely separated districts, where the hand of friendship is warmly clasped, and the kindly greeting freely interchanged), are fountains of unmeasured joy and social profit to the participants, let us not be unmindful that we have met for a great purpose. That the interest of the first calling in the land is ours to protect, and that questions of more than ordinary moment are among the matters for consideration, and that over-devotion to social and self enjoyment will be too selfish, under existing circumstances, for persons filling the dignified positions of representatives to an assembly for the promotion of the interests of that calling which feeds the nations of the earth, and, inasmuch, as many of the questions which we shall be called on to legislate, are matters of vital moment to our beloved and cherished Organization, and questions which we should, and no doubt will feel deeply interested in promoting, it behoves us to consider carefully the practical effect of any legislative action we may be disposed to take, in order that our legislation may be for the real good of our common cause, and not for the gratification of our own personal whims or selfish notions. For the first time, in this honored position, am I before you with congratulations for the success vouchsafed to our much loved and cherished Order. Whilst feeling my weakness and inability to assume so grave a charge as the one for which you have cast the mantle upon my shoulders, and feeling that of myself, I am powerless to accomplish any good thing without the assistance of my able confreres, I feel inclined to extend my congratulations a little further for the fortunate selections which you have succeeded in making in the remainder of the staff, who have, I believe, labored equally with myself for the furthering of our common cause.

The practical agriculturist, though often unskilled in the wiles and strategies of business enterprise, though unacquainted with the fashionable etiquette and popular dogmas of the day, though unaccustomed to the questionable transactions of gold boards or stock exchanges, is yet the foundation stone upon which this government of ours has chosen to build almost its entire structure, and as such, is entitled to a first place in its management. Are such places tendered him? Let echo answer! Inasmuch as he furnishes supplies to all branches of trade, and feeds the operatives engaged in commercial enterprises, is he not entitled to some consideration at the hands of commerce? As he loads the shipping for every port in the world, and furnishes material for transportation for the vast network of Railways which encircles our land, should he not be hailed as a benefactor by our country's transport? As he promotes an international intercourse with all the nations of the earth, and thus propels the tide of civilization and enlightenment into lands of barbarism and darkness, should he not occupy a foremost place among the agencies of moral and national progress? Through the medium of organization he has deigned to ask for that consideration,

at the hands of the great controlling agencies of the day. Through the medium of organization a grand revolution has been commenced, and though that revolution may be slow, it is sure, steadfast and increasing, and will eventually triumph.

As the representative farmers of this country, we no longer require to be persuaded that agriculture must occupy a higher place among our national industries; that nothing short of this will properly promote our interests and protect our rights, and we look forward to the day when the calling of agriculture shall be raised to the rank of a recognized power second to none in the land; when money kings and railway rings, and all combinations which have hitherto held the farmer beneath their iron grasp, will succumb to the popular verdict of the people, and right shall rule.

While political partizans and party leaders point us to their political banners and appeal to our party and sectional feelings, and seek through the weakness of our allegiance to our common cause, and the blind fanaticism with which we imbibe their fraudulent harangues to ride into place and power; we, the representative element of the great producing class who are, and, are to be, the hope and pride of this great country, should not only remain steadfast and immovable, and utterly deaf to their false alarms, but should put forth all our energies in endeavoring to allay the heat of political passions and strife thus engendered, and endeavor to bring together those having a common interest into one grand national organization, through which we could make our power and influence felt in the land, and for the good of our common cause and the country. But, says one, you are endeavoring to array class against class. Nothing of the kind. The very reverse is our purpose. Any movement which builds up privileged classes tends to array class against class. Any movement which places one class in a position higher than it is entitled to by its numbers, wealth and importance, tends to array class against class, by engendering jealousy, discontent and envy, which we seek to reconcile by a proper readjustment of the position of classes. Shall we succeed in this undertaking or shall we continue to bow our necks to the yoke as our ancestors have done for ages?

In taking a retrospective glance at the condition of our Order throughout the Dominion, and at the same time considering some of the causes which contributed to our present condition, I think we have just reason to feel proud of our standing.

When we consider the unrivalled stagnation in all business circles, the severe pinch of financial depression, in which all classes of industry participated; compelling business men to force their wares upon the market almost at first cost, thereby rendering our co-operative movements comparatively useless, and driving large numbers of our people back into the old channels of credit, is it any wonder that those who were induced to join us by pecuniary motives only should have become lukewarm? It is true that signs of decay are apparent in some parts of the heritage, which our returns clearly show; but it is just as true that in others all is life and vigor; that not withstanding the great hue and cry set up by our enemies that we are dying out, during the summer months just past new Granges have been organized at the rate of one per week. And further, it is a fact, patent in the history of every organization, that with a growth so prolific as ours, so rapid and so universal, unrivalled in the annals of any society, more or less unsound wood, unnatural growth and lifeless branches have eventually to be pruned off.

At the last annual session you instructed the Executive to thoroughly revise and consolidate our constitution, and add thereto a constitution for Provincial Granges, which task, I am happy to inform you, has been faith-

fully performed. Having carefully considered and reconsidered every clause, in order that your time may not be taxed to too great an extent, and other interests of equal importance left unconsidered, a number of new clauses have been added, which appeared necessary, and also much that hitherto appeared in the Parliamentary Guide has been arranged under appropriate heads in the Constitution.

Since our last meeting it has been my privilege to visit, as your delegate, the National Grange of the United States, in their thirteenth annual session, held at Canandaigua, New York, and the warm interest manifested by that body in the success and welfare of the Dominion Grange, as exhibited by the flattering reception accorded to your delegate, and in many other ways, gives no uncertain sound as to the final cementing of the last link in the chain of fraternal relations existing between us.

E. H. HILBORN,
Master.

The Committee on Credentials make a further report of members present as follows :

No. 23, J. Taylor ;	No. 22, J. Jarvis ;
No. 29, A. Hogarth ;	No. 44, D. Nichols ;
No. 27, H. A. Baker and wife ;	No. 48, A. Harkness ;
No. 40, Wm. Keith ;	No. 14, J. Trull and wife ;
No. 20, Chas Drury,	No. 38, John Ramsey.

Committee recommended that Bro. Frank Graham, of Div. 32, be received as a delegate, instead of Bro. John McIntyre who is unable to attend, owing to sickness.

Total number, 13—making, with former report, 85.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Worthy Master was requested to furnish a copy of his address for publication in the daily papers.

Report of Committee on Standing Committees.

Committee to strike Standing Committees made their second report as follows :—

PRESS COMMITTEE—

J. Robinson,
T. H. McRae,
Chas. Junkin.

COM. ON COMMERCIAL RELATIONS—

L. R. Whitman,
Jas. Edge,
L. Cheyne.

COM. ON OFFICERS' REPORT—

A. McN. Patterson,
A. H. Pettit,
Chas. Drury.

COM. ON RAILROADS—

John Ramsey,
H. McKenzie,
Benj. Blois.

COM. ON FOREIGN RELATIONS—

W. E. Starrett,
Jno. Waters,
John Sprague.

COM. ON INSURANCE—

S. Parsons,
J. Jarvis,
D. Scully.

COM. ON TEMPERANCE—

Jno. Lindsay,
W. T. Pattullo,
Oscar Ault,
Sisters Mrs. Hilborn,
Mrs. Doyle,
Mrs. Massey.

COM. ON CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES—

N. Peters,
S. White,
P. Hepinstall,
S. T. Pettit,
Wm. Forrester.

COM. ON EDUCATION—

A. J. Hughes,
P. Gilbert,
T. S. McLeod,
Wm. Auld,
J. Taylor.

COM. ON GOOD OF THE ORDER—

J. B. Aylesworth,
W. J. Massey,
W. Keith,
Sisters Mrs. Lethbridge,
Mrs. Gilbert,
Mrs. Parsons.

COM. ON MILEAGE & PER DIEM—

R. J. Doyle,
S. Parsons,
A. M. Wigle.

COM. ON BANKING—

D. Kennedy,
J. P. Bull,
A. Harkness.

COM. ON MARKET FEES AND MUNICIPAL LOAN—

A. Gifford,
J. Robinson,
R. J. Doyle,
R. McMordie,
H. A. Baker.

COM. ON LOANING—

R. J. Doyle,
H. Davidson,
R. Lockhart.

COM. ON HOUSE AND HOME—

Sisters Mrs. Starratt,
Mrs. Peters,
Mrs. McLeod,
Mrs. Hepinstall,
Bros. J. Trull,
W. J. Oliver.

COM. ON SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENTS—

Sisters Mrs. Gifford,
Mrs. Whitman,
Mrs. Spence,
Mrs. Baker,
Mrs. Pattullo,
Mrs. Trull,
Bros. Leader,
Wilmot,
Lockhart,
Spence,
Currie,
Nichols,
Cook,
Hogarth.

COM. ON MUSIC—

Sisters Mrs. McRae,
Mrs. Auld,
Mrs. Black,
Bros. Mowbray,
Wales,
McKenzie,
Black.

On motion of W. J. Massey, Div. No. 42,
Seconded by R. J. Doyle, Div. No. 2.

The report of Committee to strike Standing Committees was adopted.
The Secretary next submitted his report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Worthy Master and Members of the Dominion Grange:—

That the representatives of the great agricultural interest of Canada should meet in annual session for the discussion of matters relative to their calling and for the promotion of the principles of that organization under the auspices of which this meeting is called, is both appropriate and profitable. That an organization composed of men and women, whose occupation is agriculture, should send representatives from the different Provinces of the Dominion to one centre, to legislate upon matters pertaining to that industry which stands foremost among the callings of the land, is comparatively a new step, but it is also a significant prophecy of the future position and destiny of the *tillers of the soil*.

At this time a retrospective view of our work, with suggestions for the future will be in place, and assist towards the intelligent deliberations of this important assembly.

The rapidity of growth which marked the first few years of our existence, has naturally fallen off, and, in place of the hurry and work of fitting out new Granges, comes the more arduous, the more critical work of furnishing matter to interest the members and to build up and strengthen the position of the present organizations. In this, there is required not only the prompt and very necessary labor of routine work, but the more difficult task of preparing and launching new subjects and schemes calculated in their way to foster and carry out the principles of the Order. It is a fact, which, from experience we are bound to acknowledge, that, no matter how laudable be the object of any society or organization, it requires continued exertion from some source to keep up the interest in the objects and to advance the accomplishment of the principles and aims for the furtherance of which the society is formed. We find this especially prominent in the Grange, formed as it is from a class of people,—generally prudent and careful in their business habits,—unaccustomed to the bustle and turmoil of what we term, a business life, unaccustomed to the realities of organized effort, but following the even tenor of their ways and the customs of their forefathers. They have been regardless of the race which men of the present age are running for wealth and honor, until perhaps some direct personal interest is threatened, when the reality of the position flashes upon their minds, and the fact is disclosed before them, that, while plodding along in the old track they had been outrun, and others had reached the goal, and won the prize which in their dreams they had pictured as theirs to own. In this age of progress, when all interests are represented by special organizations, no fact is more certain than this,—that, if the farmers as a class wish to keep pace with others, organization is the means, and the only means by which this can be accomplished, and not only simple organization with the expectation of general good results without labor, but a determination, a practical application of the will of every member to succeed, defending and acting up to the principles professed.

In reviewing the past year we have abundant cause for encouragement, and some (it must be owned) for discouragement. New Granges are forming, new members have been added to old Granges, and in most sections of the country the Grange is gaining ground; but, in some sections, from reports, a falling off is shown, and apparent apathy among subordinate Granges is discernible. The cause of this is traceable to that careless manner of working before alluded to, which is too common among the agricultural class—and which in a short time, if the Grange is not sustained, will draw us back into the deep ruts of previous years, with burdens upon our backs grievous to be borne. In the Grange is our hope, while its fall would cause disappointments, hardships and consequent depression that would forever

debar us from our just rights and position as men engaged in an employment which should be both honorable and profitable.

At this time it becomes my duty to submit a report of the transactions of my office during the past year, which makes my fourth annual report to this body. First, then, let us look at the condition of the Order.

There have been organized since last report, 55 Subordinate Granges and four Division Granges, making now 766 Subordinate and 51 Div. Granges. 32 Subordinate Granges were formed in Ontario, four being in the District of Parry Sound, 21 in Nova Scotia, one in Manitoba and one in Quebec, representing an additional membership of about 1,560, which, together with the additions to old Granges of about 1,100 above the loss of some members caused by death, removal, suspensions, &c., makes a total membership in good standing at the present time of about 31,000.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

The following Granges have been consolidated during the year :

Penville No. 42, with Bondhead No. 56.

Farmers' Glory No. 605, with Frankhill No. 606.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

The following Granges have surrendered their charters during the year :

Rising Star No. 307, of Victoria, Div. No. 13.

Thistle, No. 103, of Kent, Div. No. 11.

Western Star, No. 26, of West Lambton, Div. No. 5.

Cookstown, No. 89, of Simcoe, Div. No. 4.

Willowdale, No. 281, of York, Div. No. 9.

Cragleith, No. 284, of Beaver Valley, Div. No. 23.

Nobleton, No. 387, of York, Div. No. 9.

Hornings Mills, No. 443, of Hornings Mills, Div. No. 37.

Adjala, No. 469, of Simcoe, Div. No. 4.

Big Bay Point, No. 518, of Simcoe, Div. No. 4.

Egely, No. 587, of York, Div. No. 9.

Fruit, No. 83, of Halton, Div. No. 6.

Besides the above mentioned consolidations, and Granges that have given up their Charters, there are others reported not working, and these, perhaps, need only a little encouragement to induce new action among them. A friendly visit, with encouraging advice and counsel, has great effect, and a little capital judiciously spent in this direction will do much towards reviving these dormant Granges.

The establishment of an official organ "THE CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD" has done much in this way. Although a private enterprise, it is felt by its proprietors to belong to the Grange, and, as such, it has made the interest of the Grange one of its leading objects, giving the latest and most reliable information relative to the Order, both in Canada and the United States. Its columns have been open for the use of members, for the discussion of all subjects of interest, and, while taking an independent course, has ever been and ever will be, ready to accord equal rights to all, and to advocate fearlessly the principles of the Grange, and farmers' rights.

I refer to this not as a matter especially belonging to my office, but, from my being so closely connected, and, as it were, necessarily closely connected with it, I may be excused for referring to it here. A heavy outlay has formerly been incurred by way of circulars, the only means then available of reaching our members, but through the columns of the CANADIAN FARMER each week, members all over the Dominion are communicated with, and reports from different sections relative to the Order published. We have also had a large amount of excellent correspondence to which we have had pleasure in giving a place in our columns, it being a profitable and

effective way of discussing subjects of interest, profitable alike to the writers and readers; to the writers, teaching by practice the art of putting ideas and thoughts into words, and to the readers by giving them the benefit of others' experience and knowledge.

What we have tried to make this paper, is a purely farmer's paper, filled with practical information relative to agriculture and kindred interests. An Order composed of so large a membership can not do without an organ devoted to the defense of its rights and the elevation of its principles. Such the CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD has aimed to be, and, it is hoped, successfully and satisfactorily.

Feeling that the Grange is now a permanent institution, having passed the time when the energy of its officers is required in the framing and erection of the structure we now call Dominion Grange, other work must be planned for the better carrying out of the principles of the Order. As the first and grandest object is the advancement of the art of agriculture, what will tend directly to this end should next occupy our attention, and our object should be the advancement and protection of this interest by practical methods. This can be done in no better way than by the dissemination of thought and experience on matters pertaining to agriculture. One of England's greatest institutions is her Royal Agricultural Society. Can not the Grange be made a society to a certain extent similar in character, furnishing information and experience, practical and profitable, in fact a sort of Agricultural College, extending the means of education to its members, combined with the benefits of co-operative effort and mutual aid in carrying out the advantages of education and the intelligent application of labor on the farm? We now have *organization*, and what we require next is *education* in the manner of applying this organization to the wants of its members. Time and experience have already taught us that the mere fact of the existence of the Grange is not the panacea for all ills, and it never will be, unless its principles be practically applied. Time and experience have also taught us that, if its principles are applied, it meets our requirements and fills a long felt want. It has awakened a slumbering knowledge of the "dignity of labor,"—it has aroused a desire for beautifying home and its surroundings; it has animated thought, directed and quickened interest in the general affairs of the country, and by exciting a spirit of enquiry has led us to compare our position socially and educationally with that of others; in fact it tells the farmer he is a man and bids him claim his rights and assert his position, and at the same time offers a means, a medium, through which to obtain these ends. The call then goes forth from this Dominion Grange, let it be taken up in every Grange in the land:—

"Leave the old paths where your fathers, unheeded

Wrought out existence 'mid poverty's pains ;

Lo! in your hands are the keys that *they* needed,

Let them not rust with inaction again,

W. PEMBERTON PAGE,

Secretary.

Moved by J. P. Bull, Div. No. 9,

Seconded by C. Drury, Div. No. 20,

That the reports of the Master and Secretary be referred to appropriate committees.

Carried.

Worthy Lecturer, Bro. S. White, made a verbal report, saying he had nothing special to submit ; he had not been instructed by the Executive Committee to take any active steps, consequently he had no particular report of business prepared.

Executive Committee next submitted their annual report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Worthy Master and Members of the Dominion Grange :

We, your Executive Committee, beg to make the following report :

We have again to congratulate the Order on the addition to the number of established Granges that has been made during the past year, shewing that we are extending the benefits of our organization to an increasing number of our class. Particularly encouraging is the advancement made in the Province of Nova Scotia, and your Committee feel that their thanks and those of the Grange are due to Bro. Geo. Creed, who, as Deputy there, has been so successful in impressing on the agriculturists of that section, the principles we advocate, and inducing them to join with us in advancing the farmers' interest. In Ontario a number of new Granges have also been established, but we regret to find that a good many are falling behind, neglecting to report and becoming dormant. With reference to this class your Committee would suggest that Divisions take immediate steps to ascertain the cause of inactivity on the part of any Subordinates within their jurisdiction, and, if possible, have it removed. Where it is found impossible to resuscitate a Grange the Charter should be surrendered and the members induced to unite with a neighboring Grange. In many cases it will be found that two weakly Granges can be united, forming one good working Grange. Recognizing the importance of arousing more interest among established Granges, we, at our meeting in September, passed a resolution to supplement any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, set apart by any Division Grange, with an equal amount from Dominion Grange funds, to be expended in defraying the expenses of lecturers to visit Subordinate Granges within their jurisdiction. It was also provided that in case Division Granges neglected to take advantage of this offer, that Subordinate Granges, having made an appropriation for the purpose, would, upon application to the Committee, receive due consideration. We hope to see all Divisions avail themselves of this proposition, feeling convinced that if they do, the result will be not only a marked improvement in the working of existing Granges but a very large increase in membership. As required by instructions of last Dominion Grange meeting, we authorized the Secretary to advertise for tenders for printing. Several tenders were received, and your Committee, having in view the maintenance of our Grange paper, and the advantages of having the printing done as conveniently to the Secretary as possible, awarded the contract to Bro. Colcock. By a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Grange, your Committee were required to expend the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of extending the organization in the Province of Quebec. Bros. Whitman and Leet undertook to do the work, being required to render an account of the same, in the whole not to exceed the amount of the appropriation. Up to the present time only a portion of the money, some \$36.97, has been expended. An application was received from Sister Woodsworth, of Orangeville, for assistance, she having been left in very destitute circumstances by the death of her husband. Your Committee recognizing the necessities of her case, instructed the Secretary to issue a circular to the Subordinate Granges, setting forth the circumstances, and requesting them to contribute what they could for her relief. We feel that Sister Woodsworth's case, and it is only one of many, shows the necessity of our having some system of life insurance of which members can avail themselves to make provision for their families. A resolution having been passed at the annual meeting of the Grange held in January of 1878, authorizing the establishment of a Loan Company, a reference to which was made in the annual report of your last Executive Committee, also a report made by the

agents appointed to secure the stock and incorporation of such a Company, having been received and adopted by the last meeting of this Grange, your Committee felt it their duty to give such assistance as was necessary to secure its complete organization, stipulating that all monies advanced or expended in behalf of the said Loan Co. should be refunded to the Dominion Grange. We are pleased to learn from the Provisional Board, that a large portion of the deposit, necessary to enable the Company to offer their bonds for sale, has been paid in, and the Directors have already returned a part of the advance made to them by this Grange. The Secretary, Bro. R. J. Doyle, is present, and will be prepared to give any information respecting the working of the Company that members may require. Your Committee would have preferred to see the stock of the Company more equally distributed among the members of the Order. Had we not been actuated by this desire, probably the organization could have been completed at an earlier date. However, we are satisfied it will soon be in working order, and trust it will prove a boon to those who find it necessary to avail themselves of its provisions.

Your Committee, feeling convinced that a large number of the members of the Grange would attend the annual fairs held at Toronto and Ottawa, and that any facilities for recognition and social intercourse would be appreciated, appointed Bro. A. J. Hughes a committee to obtain and set up a tent at each of these Fairs. We are pleased to report that it proved a great accommodation, especially at the latter place, where public meetings were held and addresses delivered by leading members of the Order, and we would recommend that the thanks of this Grange be tendered to the Managers of the Toronto Industrial Association, also to the Agricultural and Arts Association for the privileges so cordially extended to the Order on those occasions. Owing to the late hour at which the report of your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, appointed at the last meeting of this Grange, made their report, it was found impossible to give it that consideration its importance demanded, consequently, after passing a few of the first clauses, the following motion was adopted: *Resolved*,—"That the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to enact such amendments as would be for the best interests of the Order, but not to change the clauses already adopted, except such as referred to the Lower Provinces." Your Committee were convinced that they had not the legal power to carry out this resolution in its literal sense, and if they had, that to do so would be assuming a responsibility beyond their duty. With this view we have prepared, and will submit for adoption by this Grange, a draft on the Constitution and By-Laws, which we hope will prove satisfactory. At every meeting, during the year, this subject has had our careful attention, and we have endeavored to so frame this Constitution that it may meet, not only the present requirements of the Order, but any future exigencies that may arise out of changes in our system of representation. That a change has become necessary, we believe, will be conceded by all who have given due consideration to the matter. As our Dominion Grange is now constituted, very much of our time is devoted to the discussion of local topics, which, though of very grave importance to the majority present, do not interest delegates outside the Province of Ontario. The only way that your Committee can see to remedy this is by establishing Provincial Granges, such as we shall recommend, where all local matters, pertaining to the different Provinces, will be dealt with by those directly interested, while the Dominion Grange, composed of a limited number of delegates from each Province, will devote its attention to our act of maintaining, perfecting, and, by its fostering influence, extending the bene-

fits of the Order, and on matters affecting our relations with the Government, trade and commerce, only giving attention to those that are national in their character. To make the change proposed, we presume, will require an amendment of our Act of Incorporation, in order that Provincial Granges, if established, may receive proper charters, giving them a legal existence. Your Committee seriously hope that, in the discussion of this Constitution, every local feeling, if any such exists, will be laid aside, and that the various questions arising will be disposed of with a view solely to the good of the Order as a whole. We are pleased to report that through the arrangements whereby circulars and other matter, previously sent out separately, were inserted in the CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD, the expense of printing has been materially reduced. A great saving has also been effected in postage, to both Dominion and Division Granges, as circulars, which previously had to be distributed by Division Grange Secretaries, are now, through the paper, sent direct to Subordinate Granges. As far as we can ascertain, our members have, during the past year, done an increasing trade through the medium of the Grange, a fair proportion of which has been done by the Grange Agency, which, along with two other firms, kept travellers, who, with samples, have visited Granges taking orders. While some advantages are undoubtedly obtained by this mode of trade, yet your Committee would prefer to see greater efforts made to adopt the co-operative system, forming a more direct connection between the producers and consumers, as by our declaration of principles, we are required to do. We have, by a resolution passed at our meeting just closed, ordered payment to our Worthy Treasurer, Bro. John P. Bull, of the sum of \$60, in compensation for his services during the present year; also, to our Worthy Secretary, Bro. W. P. Page, the sum of \$500, being the same salary in each case as was paid last year; and we would recommend that the sum of \$100 be granted by this Grange to our Worthy Master, Bro. E. H. Hilborn, in payment for his service and expenses.

It is with pleasure we have to report a continuation of the fraternal relations existing between this Grange and the National Grange of the United States. Our Worthy Master, acting as delegate to convey our fraternal greeting to that body, was the recipient of a most cordial response, its heartiness showing that the bond of unity and good fellowship, now established between us and them, will not be easily sundered. In his visit to the National Grange, Bro. Hilborn was accompanied by Bros. Hill and Page.

Your Committee beg to draw your attention to the fact that through the action of the Dominion Senate, an irresponsible body in the government of our country, we are still burdened with what is known as the Insolvency Law. The action on the part of that body, by which they have taken it upon themselves to refuse sanction to the abrogation of an act which the people of this country have demanded by a large majority of their elected representatives, requires a close investigation as to whether the advantages derived from the existence of this branch of the government are at all commensurate with the cost of its maintenance, and the evils which it has the power and apparently the will, when occasion offers, to inflict upon us with reference to the Insolvency Law we would say, that if its continuance is a necessity to the trading and professional classes of this country, then farmers should be compensated by an act enabling them when free from debt to register a certain portion of their real estates which should thereafter be exempted from all claims by creditors, except under registered agreements. At the present time there are, undoubtedly, many questions being agitated in each of the Provinces represented here, which are of vital importance to the farmers within their respective limits, but with which we are unac-

quainted, except in so far as Ontario is concerned. With reference to the latter Province we are aware that many of the delegates here have instructions from their Division Grange to press for action in this Grange relative to urging upon the government the necessity for change in the present School and Municipal Acts, particularly the latter. In reference to the mode of assessment, exemptions from assessment, market fees, etc., your Committee desire to suggest, respecting the discussion of those subjects, that so far as possible, they be conducted in a manner to benefit our Brothers from the other Provinces, enabling them to see wherein our laws in these matters press upon the farming community and so profit by our experience. Should there be any question of a Provincial character which has been entrusted to a delegate from any Province for consideration at this meeting, we hope it will be dealt with in like manner, receiving the best attention of all present. One other matter we would mention, which we are convinced, will give satisfaction to every member of our Order. Our Insurance Company, which has been working nearly three years, and during that time has met with the most bitter opposition from competing companies, is now thoroughly established, and working its way to the confidence of not only the members of the Order but outsiders, who, in cases that have come to our knowledge, have joined the Grange that they might avail themselves of its protection.

In conclusion we would impress on the members of the Order the necessity of earnestly working together. It is only by pursuing this course that we can hope to accomplish our objects, which are not, as our enemies are so anxious to prove, the injury of other classes, but the advancement of our own to that position to which, by right of our numbers and the interests we possess in the country, we are entitled. But, as it is not the province of your Executive Committee to give an address, only report, with suggestions for the good of the Order, we beg to suggest that every member study well our declaration of principles, *take that as his rule of faith and practice in Grange matters, and the result will be that the coming year will show an advancement of our Order beyond the expectations of its most sanguine supporters.*

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. GIFFORD,
J. B. AYLESWORTH,
JABEL ROBINSON,
A. J. HUGHES,
S. PARSONS.

On motion the report was referred to committee.

Worthy Master read a letter from Bro. Blair, Worthy Overseer, stating on account of impaired health he was unable to be present. The following is a copy of the letter :

ONSLow, November 20, 1879.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange Patrans of Husbandry :

On account of an attack of illness, from which I have not yet quite recovered, I regret that I will be unable to attend this session of Dominion Grange to fill the important position with which you so kindly honored me—a year ago—together with other kindnesses received at your hands, which I shall not soon forget.

And although I know that our interests will be ably represented by the delegates from Nova Scotia, yet it is a source of deep regret to me that I am unable to meet the kindly faces of members and take part in the deliberations of so important an organization as the Dominion Grange has become.

I may say, however, that my views, as expressed at our last meeting, in regard to our proposed amended constitution, have not changed.

And so far as N. S. is concerned, we *must* have a Provincial Grange.

And I think it must be patent to the mind of any careful observer at our last meeting, that a thorough change is absolutely necessary, if we intend to occupy, in the future, that high and honorable position contemplated by our declaration of principles.

Our Dominion Grange, consequent upon its rapid growth, has become too large, too unwieldly, partaking too much of a subordinate or local character. It requires to be made more executive, more dignified, in order to carry that weight with its proceedings which are absolutely necessary in the governing body of so powerful an institution ; and I must say again, create Provincial or District Granges where local affairs can be discussed with propriety, and reduce the number of delegates to Dominion Grange to at least one-third of the present number, and in such a body as that the important business of the Order can be thoroughly discussed and legislated upon, whereas now it is thrust aside for the discussion of matters partaking of a local nature.

I make these suggestions, being firmly impressed with their necessity, and feeling anxious for the future welfare of our noble Order.

And in conclusion let me say, that although not present with you yet my mind will be centered in Albert Hall during the days of your deliberations.

And may this session be fraught with wisdom and guidance from our Great Master above, and be productive of much good, is the earnest prayer of,

Yours, fraternally,

W. M. BLAIR,

Overseer D. G.

On motion the letter was referred to the committee on officers reports.

The roll of Divisions was next called in order, for suggestions, which were referred to their appropriate committees without debate.

Suggestions from Division Delegates.

London, Division No. 1—

That the Dominion Grange take active measures for the abolition of Market Fees, believing that to be a nuisance and an unjust tax upon the farming community.

Also, that the attention of the community, through the Dominion Grange, be drawn to the great evil that is being inflicted upon the country by denuding it of its natural forests, and that a committee be appointed to consider and report upon said subject.

West Lambton, Division No. 5—

That the Dominion Grange be asked to take steps, by petition, towards the abolition of Market Fees.

Halton, Division No. 6—

That the Dominion Grange reduce the capitation tax from Sub. Granges, also membership fees.

Brantford, Division No. 8—

That the Dominion Grange take into consideration the advisability of asking that the duty on corn be removed.

Also, that the Grange consider the propriety of petitioning the Legislative Assembly to abolish Market Fees by amending the Municipal Act to that effect.

Kent, Division No. 11—

That the Dominion Grange discuss the propriety of diminishing the number of representatives to our County Councils.

Also, that a certain time be fixed for the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Grange.

North Middlesex, Division No. 12—

1st. That none but delegates be eligible for office in the Dominion Grange, and also in Provincial and Division Granges.

2nd. That Provincial Granges be formed.

3rd. That it would be to the interest of the Order that political questions were considered in our meetings.

Durham, Division No. 14—

We consider the imposition of Market Fees on farmers' produce, by towns and cities, unjust. We therefore recommend that this Division Grange ask the Dominion Grange to petition the Legislature to amend the Act relating to Market Fees.

Also, that the Local Legislature be asked to enact a law prohibiting all stock from running at large on the highways.

East Lambton, Division No. 15—

That none be eligible to office in the Dominion Grange but duly accredited delegates.

Orangeville, Division No. 16—

That the Legislature be petitioned to enforce a uniform width of sleighs.

West Middlesex, Division No. 17—

Report of Committee to said Grange :

To the Master, Officers and Members of West Middlesex Division Grange :

We, the undersigned committee appointed by you, at the last meeting of this Division Grange, for the purpose of submitting a more suitable and efficient scheme for the governing of our noble Order, beg leave to report as follows :

That, in view of the enormous amount of funds expended in traveling expenses and daily allowances of delegates to the Dominion Grange,

We would therefore beg leave to recommend that you would instruct our delegate to the Dominion Grange to lay the above facts before that body at their annual meeting, and

Also recommend, as a solution for the difficulty, that the Dominion Grange divide the Dominion into District Granges, each District to contain not less than six or seven counties. District Granges to be composed of delegates from the Division Granges, and the Dominion Grange to be composed of delegates from the District Granges, and that all local interests within the said Districts be legislated on by the District Granges, and that nothing but matters affecting the whole Dominion be legislated on by the Dominion Grange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, H. McFARLANE,
GEO. LETHBRIDGE,
A. THOMSON,
C. S. W. SIMPSON,

Oxford, Division No. 22—

That this Division Grange authorize their delegate to the Dominion Grange to support a motion, having for its object the petitioning of the Local Legislature to enact a law prohibiting all stock from running at large on the highways.

Prince Albert, Division No. 24—

That a petition be presented by the Dominion Grange to the Legislature of Ontario, praying that such a law be passed by that body as will prohibit the running of stock at large on the highways, but that the said law be so framed as to enable Municipal Councils to abolish such law where it is found a grievance.

Ontario, Division No. 25—

That the Dominion Grange take steps to impress upon the Legislature of Ontario, to so amend the assessment law that stocks and monied institutions may pay a just proportion of the taxes of the country with real estate, and that there be no exemptions from taxation—provided that municipalities have power to exempt churches and school houses within their jurisdiction if they think proper ; and that we recommend the abolition of Market Fees.

Also, that a reduction be made in the initiation fees for young men and women residing at home with their parents.

Also, that we do not approve of the establishment of Provincial Granges.

Norfolk, Division No. 28—

Suggests the propriety of increasing risks in the Dominion Grange Insurance Company, so as to cover stock on any part of farm or premises.

Waterloo, Division No. 29—

Asks for the formation of Provincial Granges.

North Bruce, Division No. 32—

Resolution :

Resolved,—That this Division Grange instruct their delegate, to Dominion Grange, to support the propriety of petitioning the Dominion Parliament to have the duty taken off seed wheat, oats and barley coming from Europe to this country.

Essex, Division No. 36—

That the Dominion Grange allow each Division Grange to regulate the dues of Sub. Granges to Divisions according to expenditure.

Union, Division No. 38—

That the Dominion Grange use their influence, by petition or otherwise, to induce the Local Legislature to curtail the power granted to cities and towns to pass by-laws imposing a direct tax on farm produce in the shape of Market Fees.

North Perth, Division No. 40—

That a petition be sent to the Local Legislature asking that a Department of Cookery be added to the Agricultural College for the benefit of farmers' daughters.

Also, that the Dominion Parliament be petitioned to adopt the decimal standard of weights and measures.

Also, that the Dominion Grange so amend the Constitution that young men and women be allowed to join the Grange, when either of their parents are members, at a reduced fee.

Also to amend the Constitution and By-Laws to form District Granges in Ontario.

Prince Edward, Division No. 41—

That this Division Grange propose an amendment to the Dominion Grange Fire Insurance Company's By-Laws, so as to carry the risk of steam threshers during the time that they are employed by the policy holders of said company.

South Grey, Division No. 43—

1st. That the Constitution be so amended that the annual meeting of Subordinate Granges, for election of officers, be fixed for the November meeting.

2nd. That the annual meeting for election of officers in Division Granges be held on the third Tuesday in December, and that none but delegates and their wives be members or eligible to office.

3rd. That the annual meeting of Dominion Grange be held on the second Tuesday in January, and that none but delegates and their wives be members or eligible to office.

Hants, Division No. 46—

Suggests the absolute necessity of forming Provincial Granges.

Dundas, Division No. 48—

Resolution .

Resolved,—That the delegate from this Grange be instructed to urge upon the Dominion Grange the propriety of reducing the minimum dues of members to four cents per month for males, and two cents per month for females ;

Also, allow the Division Grange to regulate their own dues, provided they are large enough to meet the Dominion Grange dues ;

Also, that the Dominion Grange be requested to reduce their claims on Division Granges to three cents per quarter.

Also, that the number of black balls required to reject a candidate be increased in large Subordinate Granges.

Also, that Division and Subordinate Granges may frame by-laws authorizing the election of officers by open vote.

Annapolis, Division No. 49—

That the Dominion Grange so amend article 5, of Constitution, on membership, that mechanics interested in agriculture, being producers, may be eligible for membership in our Order.

Also, that the establishing of Provincial Granges be considered.

Hillsdale Grange, No. 192—

Through the delegate for their Division, asks that the initiation fee be reduced ;

Also, that all initiation fees be left with Subordinate Granges.

Moved by John Ramsey, Div. No. 38,

Seconded by S. White, Div. No. 11,

That the report of Executive Committee on Constitution and By-laws be made the special order of business at the opening of the Grange in the morning at 9 o'clock.

Carried.

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, suggesting a meeting of their Board with a delegation from this meeting.

Moved by H. Davidson, Div. No. 14,

Seconded by J. Cook, Div. No. 44,

That the communication from the Secretary of the Industrial Exhibition be received and referred to committee.

Moved by Levi R. Whitman, Province Quebec,
Seconded by S. W. Hill, Past Master of Dominion Grange,

That whereas since the last meeting of the Dominion Grange, it has pleased the Great Master of the Universe in the ordering of His providence to remove from this earthly scene our esteemed brother, Chauncey C. Abbott, Past Master of Frelighsburg Grange No. 6, and ex-officer of this Grange,

Resolved,—That we the members of this Dominion Grange now in session assembled, while humbly bowing to the Divine Wisdom, desire to express our deep regret for the loss the Order and the community have sustained, and tender our sincere sympathy with the members of his family, and earnestly pray that the Most High God and Father of all may be with them to comfort them in their sorrow, and that the dark cloud now overshadowing them may soon give place to calm and peaceful resignation.

Resolved,—That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family.

Moved by Levi R. Whitman, Province Quebec,
Seconded by W. Pemberton Page, Secretary Dominion Grange,

That whereas since the last meeting of the Dominion Grange it has pleased the Great Master of the Universe in the ordering of His Providence to remove from our midst, by the hand of death, our esteemed brother, R. S. Galer, Past Master of Durham Grange, No. 7, and ex-officer of this Grange,

Resolved,—That we the members of the Dominion Grange now in session assembled, while humbly bowing to the Divine wisdom, desire to express our deep regret for the loss the Order has sustained, and hereby tender to his bereaved widow and friends our sincere sympathy and condolence, and commend them to the Master of the Universe, who can soothe and soften sorrow and fill all vacant places with His wonderful presence and mighty love.

Resolved,—That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family.

Moved by L. R. Whitman,
Seconded by A. Gifford,

That the Grange be called up, and the Master read that part of the funeral ceremony on page 72 of Ritual; also that the Chaplain's ceremony be conducted.

The motion was adopted and proceedings conducted accordingly.

The Worthy Master stated that members of N. D. Div. Grange were present and would be pleased to conduct the ceremony of conferring the Fifth Degree some evening when agreeable to the Grange, suggesting Wednesday evening; also said that the Sixth Degree would be conferred upon all those entitled to receive it. The Grange expressed approval of the higher Degrees being conferred Wednesday evening, and signified their approval of putting the matter in the hands of the N. D. D. Grange.

Moved by J. P. Bull,
Seconded by A. Gifford,

That a committee consisting of Bros. Waters, Kennedy, Hill, Bull and Gifford be a committee to meet a committee from the Toronto Industrial Association, respecting any propositions they have to make to this Dominion Grange.

Carried.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, December 10.

MORNING SESSION.

Grange assembled at 9 o'clock.

Worthy Master in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Committee on Credentials submitted their third report as follows :

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Division 13—Wm. Johnston,

Division 30—H. Cull,

Division 8—T. A. Good,

Division 18—C. A. O'Malley,

Division 3—E. Morris,

Division 9—Mrs. J. P. Bull.

Six—making, with previous reports, 91 members present and entitled to vote.

On motion the report was adopted.

Committee on Standing Committees made a further report, suggesting the following committees :

Committee to consider the expediency of shipping cattle to Europe :

Bros. A. McN. Patterson,

T. H. McRea,

W. E. Starratt,

John Waters.

Committee on Agriculture :

Bros. C. A. O'Malley,

J. McLean,

W. Johnson.

Division of Labor :

Bros. T. A. Good,

H. Cull,

E. Morris.

Moved by W. Anderson, Div. No. 42,
Seconded by A. J. Hughes, Div. No. 9,

That the consideration of the proposed revision of the Constitution and By-Laws be postponed until this afternoon, and that it be then the first order of business.

Motion lost.

Bro. Hughes, as chairman of committee on Constitution and By-Laws, proceeded to read the report of committee, first submitting a report on the suggestions from Division Granges as follows :

We have examined the suggestions made by the several divisions, and find that Nos. 12, 17, 29 and 49, ask for Provincial Granges, which is supplied by the report to be submitted.

Divisions Nos. 6, 48, and one Sub. Grange ask that the fees and dues be reduced.

The committee cannot recommend that the fees and dues be reduced, as we fear that this would cripple the usefulness of the Granges, finding they generally adopt the minimum fee when so allowed, while in some instances Granges find it necessary to raise the dues in order to keep up sufficient funds to manage the business of the Order successfully.

Division No. 40, asks that children of members be admitted at a reduced fee.

The committee feel that, with the provision already made in that respect, further change is not advisable

Division No. 43, asks that a change be made in the time of holding regular meetings for the election of officers in Subordinates, to November ; Divisions, to December ; Dominion Annual Meeting in January ; also, that officers be elected only from delegates of Division Granges.

In the former the suggestions are worthy of consideration by the Grange.

This was followed by the reading, as a whole, of the amended Constitution prepared by the Executive Committee.

Moved by L. Cheyne, Division No. 10,
Seconded by J. Robinson, Division No. 18,

That the Nominating Committee be requested to name a committee on the scheme suggested by R. Bradford, for the sale and shipment of grain and other produce.

Carried.

Moved by J. P. Bull, Division No. 9,
Seconded by D. Kennedy, Division No. 14,

That J. A. Livingstone, Esq., be heard before this Grange for twenty minutes, at four o'clock this afternoon, in reference to the Real Estate Bank of issue.

Carried.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange assembled at the appointed time.

Moved by J. Robinson, Division No. 18,
Seconded by J. McLean, Division No. 11,

That whereas, Prof. Johnston, late of the Agricultural College, Guelph, has kindly consented to deliver an address to this body on the subject of Agriculture,

Resolved,—That one hour this evening be set apart for that purpose.

Carried.

Bro. Hughes, chairman of committee on Constitution and By-Laws, submitted their second report, first submitting a report on the suggestions from Division No. 25, asking a reduction of delegates. This the committee have already provided for in Constitution submitted; also, regarding request that where two males or one male and one female, belonging to one family, are members, any of the remainder of the family, wishing to join, shall be admitted at reduced rates.

Provision is already made in the Constitution which, we think, will meet this case without any further change.

Also, the suggestions that Provincial Granges be not formed.

Your committee feel that they cannot recommend any course different from that proposed in the prepared amended Constitution, inasmuch as the great majority of suggestions placed before us have been greatly in favor of Provincial Granges.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, Division No. 2,
Seconded by W. P. Page, Division No. 3,

That all clauses which are an amendment to the existing constitution shall receive a two-thirds vote before they are considered as adopted.

Carried.

The reading and consideration of the amended Constitution, clause by clause, was taken up, occupying the afternoon.

At 4 o'clock, J. A. Livingstone, according to resolution, was heard before the Grange,

After which Prof. Johnston, late of the Agricultural College, Guelph, delivered a very able address, which was listened to with much interest. The following is a synopsis of the address :

The speaker began by explaining the meaning of the terms. Education was defined as including two things—the giving of facilities and the train-

ing of intellect. Thus in our public schools the child in obtaining a knowledge of what is popularly called the three R's is having placed at its hand upon the threshold of life, facilities—instruments, with which it can better accomplish life's work. But at the same time its intellect is being developed or trained, and as the training of the body can only be accomplished by constant exercise, so the training of intellect can only be obtained by continued intellectual action. The intellect has been divided into the faculties of *observation, memory, reasoning, judgment, and will*. It is in the continued use of each of these that skill or training is acquired. And this may be obtained either in the school or college class-room or in the school of the world, and though the school of experience is the best, yet it takes years, and all parents desire that their children should enter upon life with the greatest number of facilities possible and the most perfect intellectual training that can, under the circumstances, be obtained. Hence the anxiety for education. And in our Province, as generally in the free States of the world to-day, the State sees that the parent does educate the child, and by inducements and various facilities, places upon that education a certain, well-recognized premium. But the State only professes to give a general education, and our subject—agricultural education—is not general, but technical, education. That education was defined as one which would enable the farmer to do the business, perform the art and acquire the theory or science of agriculture. And whilst it is proper for the State to give a general education, yet it is difficult to give a limit to the term "general." And our present system was tending altogether too much in that direction and forgetting the propriety of the State educating its young men as citizens. Illustrations of this were given from the course at our public schools, high schools and colleges. The grounds on which the State stepped in to afford technical education were clearly stated, and of the various kinds of technical education, agricultural education was one.

The speaker then proceeded to show the necessity there was at present in our Province for agricultural education in its widest sense. We need competitors on the world's markets with the more fertile prairies of the West and North-west of our own continent, with the cheaper labor of Europe, and with the Ryot labor of India. And we entered the struggle handicapped, for our soil was decreasing in fertility and our climate changing. We went in with a small amount of capital, distributed in a great number of hands, competing in the supply of non-agricultural populations under the full operation of the well-known law of diminishing returns. Illustrations of this were given from our returns and by quotations from the opinions of the delegates who lately visited us from Great Britain. There were but two possible modes of solution, the immediate application of a greater amount of capital, or the spread of the latest and the greatest agricultural skill, knowledge and invention amongst the masses of agricultural producers. The former method would, within a century, result here as in Britain, in the decrease and partial extinction of the yeomanry. The latter was, by far, the more preferable. In this connection, Granges, Agricultural Societies, Farmers' Clubs, and Agricultural newspapers were of great service as educators, and their existence showed the feeling of a desire for agricultural education, and hence also the necessity for Agricultural Schools and Colleges here, and now. The speaker then gave a sketch of the existing ones, especially in Germany, France and the United States and furnished a detailed account of the establishment and purposes of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, its objects, curriculum and routine were clearly stated, and the speaker closed an hour's address by pointing out its relation to all organized

bodies of farmers throughout the Province, such as the Grange, and impressing upon his hearers the necessity of performing their part of the national obligation towards it.

A vote of thanks was tendered the above gentlemen by the Grange for their addresses.

Adjourned.

The evening was devoted to the conferring of higher degrees, 43 members receiving the 5th degree and 123 the 6th degree. The evening was pleasantly spent and, at the close of the exercises,

On motion of Bro. J. P. Bull,

Supported by several members,

A vote of thanks was tendered the members of N. D. D. Grange for their kindness in conducting the exercises of the evening during the conferring of the Fifth Degree.

THIRD DAY

THURSDAY, December 11.

MORNING SESSION.

Grange assembled at 9 o'clock.

Worthy Master in the Chair.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Bro. Good, delegate of Brantford, Div. No. 8, submitted suggestions from his Division, which were referred to their appropriate Committees.

Bro. Currie, of Div. 27, submitted a suggestion from said Division, which was also referred to Committee.

Bro. W. N. Harris made explanations concerning his business as Grange Agent, and submitted his report:

Report of the Dominion Grange Agent.

To the Dominion Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry :

December 9, 1879.

WORTHY MASTER,—

In this, my second annual report, I wish, briefly, to point to some of the difficulties, and which, to many, may seem grievances, that I have to deal with in my endeavors to carry into effect the duties for which I was appointed, and also to suggest such changes as my two years' experience has demonstrated as absolutely necessary for the successful and practicable working of the Dominion Grange Agency.

In the first place it was deemed prudent (and I am still of the same opinion) to associate the agency with some legitimate business recognized by the trade, principally owing to the prejudices existing in commercial circles against having business connections with the Grange as a wholesale purchaser. The Grange Co-operative Company, of Napanee, though owned solely by members of our Order, yet being a joint stock company, had this position in the eyes of wholesale merchants and manufacturers, and this caused the location of the agency in Napanee. It was also considered indiscreet to burden the Dominion Grange with the large expense necessary for supporting the agency in a business centre until it could become self-sustaining, besides the finances of the Dominion Grange would not warrant such an outlay, therefore it was deemed both honest and just to allow the discount for cash paid on purchases in 30 days from date of invoice, (which has not on an average exceeded 3 per cent.,) as a large amount of the orders are made up of sugars, cottons, etc., which are net cash, to go to the agent as remuneration for his services in forming connections and becoming responsible for purchases. These discounts, or rather commissions, have not

been received by me individually as many suppose, but by the Grange Co-operative Company, which employs and pays me my salary, and I wish to state, most emphatically, that I have never received one cent, directly or indirectly, from the business done by the agency ; and I may also remark, that the commissions accruing from the Dominion Grange Agency have never paid its proportion of expenses, although, indirectly, it has been an advantage, perhaps, to the Grange Co-operative Company by largely increasing the amount of purchases and making it a wholesale house instead of a retail store ; or, in other words, co-operation has been a gain to both the Dominion Grange Agency and the Grange Co-operative Company. Among the greatest difficulties that I have to contend with is the variety of wants in a single order, not requirements in one or two lines or departments, which would be comparatively easy, but the requirements of every imaginary want that human flesh is heir to. This necessitates a great many difficult business connections and renders it impossible for the goods to all reach the consignee at the same time, as dealers in soap do not ship boots and shoes, nor do manufacturers of pressed horse shoes make kid gloves, and such being the fact, some complain because their scales did not arrive the same day with their sugar. Another source of annoyance is caused by shippers delaying my orders, not that they do it wilfully, or that it is done to me alone, but frequently they have to manufacture something to complete my order, or that something is expected to arrive which is necessary to complete it, and in such cases I have to bear the whole blame, and perhaps I receive a very interesting letter which don't induce me to implore blessings on the head of the shipper.

There is great strife and competition among retailers, and all sorts of lures and tricks are resorted to in order to retain the patronage of our members ; and I regret to say that there are often members of many Granges who might properly be designated as grumblers, and who are uncharitable enough to find fault with me because I have not succeeded in purchasing everything mentioned in their order, consisting of retail lots of boots and shoes, groceries, hardware, dry goods and dye stuffs, and at prices to be expected only in especial bargains for large wholesale lots. Although the total amount of the order may give it an air of respectability and might attract the attention of any respectable wholesale house, yet where it is divided among the many departments it assumes an entirely different shape, and I cannot, in justice to the Grange, order each line separately from such houses as I know would do the individual lines best, therefore I am forced to get them together the best way I can, and possibly some things have to be left out. In many instances fault has been found with me because some of these articles have not been purchased quite as close as at some former time under more favorable circumstances. Again, when the several lines, though ordered in sufficient quantities and purchased to the best possible advantage from extensive manufacturers and importers, are delayed by forwarding companies, or distance, beyond the time they are expected to arrive, or the freight being in excess of what was expected, our Patrons, not being in a position to understand the difficulties in detail, give me the full benefit of the blame, when, in reality, I am saving, if not to that particular Grange in this single instance, from 10 to 30 per cent. to other Granges more favorably situated. In fact, in many cases, were I the receiver myself and unacquainted with the circumstances I would likely be as uncharitable as any. However, I am prepared, and it will give me pleasure at any time, to appear before any committee that this Grange may name, with satisfactory proof, to answer for my stewardship ; and I may mention here that it is with no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction to myself

that in all my business relations, as your purchasing agent, I am proud to say I have not embarrassed the Dominion Grange to the extent of a single dollar. The responsibility of this honorable position, in which you have placed me, presents itself more forcibly from the fact that our Division Grange appointed a member of our Order (not me) as agent for one department only, about the time I received my appointment as your agent, delegating him with like power and jurisdiction, and, I regret to say he has succeeded in embarrassing our Division Grange to the extent of thousands of dollars; and I am sure you will all agree with me that it becomes us well to be careful and considerate in appointing persons in all positions of trust and responsibility, lest we become similarly embarrassed and bankrupt the head of our organization, which would be a death blow to our noble Order.

Having occupied your valuable time at some length looking into some of the discouraging features, I will now endeavor to explain some of the encouraging ones:

To meet the many difficulties that exist under the present system of doing our business, as well as to establish a better system of co-operation, I proposed and submitted to your Executive Committee such changes as have been suggested to me through the Order, together with what appears necessary from experience in working your agency; all of which has been carefully revised, amended, etc., by your Executive Committee during their session at Guelph, and intrusted to me to execute, namely:

The organizing and establishing of the Grange Wholesale Supply Company, the charter of which I now hold in my hand, and the Prospectus now being prepared, will be forwarded to every Grange at an early date. Sufficient to say that the full control of this Company will, at all times, be in the hands entirely of the shareholders, and subject to the audit and recognition of the Dominion Grange. The stock of this Company will be owned exclusively by such Granges and their members as subscribe to the stock-book; and I may here mention that although the stock-book has been opened for only a short time the subscriptions of stock have far exceeded our expectations. The stock-book is now in Bro. Ewing's charge, who is present and will be pleased to explain every particular. It is believed that in locating this Company in the City of Toronto, with its facilities for shipping and for supplying the many requirements of our Granges, it will enable us to concentrate our goods in one shipment; to arrange for special rates of freight, and if necessary to prepay freight to the nearest station; in every way making it most satisfactory to our Order. Before concluding I may mention that through the co-operation formed by purchases through the agency, I have succeeded in forming many very valuable business relations with the largest and most respectable manufacturers in the Dominion. I am proud of the commercial standing we possess, although I have frequently to advance, out of my own private funds, considerable amounts to maintain this position of a 30 days' cash buyer.

Hoping that my endeavors, upon the whole, have met with your approbation, and trusting that you will kindly overlook my shortcomings, as I can assure you that I have tried to do all in my power for the interests of those intrusting me with their purchases, I hope to be able to make my services still more satisfactory and remunerative, and I also desire that fraternal feeling may be associated with us in all our daily transactions.

I am, fraternally yours,

W. N. HARRIS.

On motion, the report was referred to Committee on Commercial Relations.

The Committee to strike Standing Committees made a fifth report as follows:—

COMMITTEE ON EXPORTATION OF PRODUCE.

D. Kennedy,
L. Cheyne,
S. Parsons,
J. P. Bull,
A. McN. Patterson.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Bro. J. P. Bull, Treasurer, next submitted his annual report, which was received and referred to appropriate Committee:

WORTHY TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange of Canada:

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the transactions of his office, for the year ending on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1879:

RECEIPTS.

1878.			
Nov. 30	To balance on hand.....	\$2703	45
Dec. 20	Cash from Secretary.....	68	00
Dec. 20	“ “	15	00
1879.			
Jan. 28	“ “	166	10
Feb. 19	“ “	210	05
Mar. 20	“ “	325	00
Mar. 24	“ “	150	00
May 8	“ “	311	88
June 11	“ “	323	18
July 12	“ “	301	00
Sept. 12	“ “	110	80
Oct. 15	“ “	143	82
Nov. 10	“ “	102	95
Nov. 27	Cash refunded from “Grange Trust”.....	100	00
Nov. 29	Cash from Secretary.....	1079	04
Nov. 29	Interest to date.....	37	60
	Cash from Secretary.....	12	50

\$6160 35

PAYMENTS.

1878.			
Dec. 20	By cash paid members at annual meeting.....	\$1817	33
20	“ “ Bro. S. W. Hill, per resolution.....	200	00
20	“ “ Bro. H. Leet, Quebec, per resolution.....	20	00
20	“ “ For use of Albert Hall, four days.....	40	00
20	“ “ Caretaker of Hall.....	4	00
20	“ “ Mr. Williams, for Gov. General's Address	15	00
20	By discount on \$36.82, postage stamps.....	3	68
31	By cash paid T. J. Staples, “Grange Trust” Agent.....	100	00
1879.			
Jan. 7	By cash paid Bell & Co., for printing ballot papers.....	11	30
28	“ “ Braley & Co., for flowers.....	10	00
Feby. 1	“ “ Bro. Daly, attending Trust Meeting at Toronto, and Board of Trade, Ottawa....	27	60

Carried forward.....\$2248 96

1879.		Brought forward.....	\$2248 96
Feb. 19		By cash paid American Express Co., for jewels.....	86 93
Mar. 20		" " N. B. Colcock, for printing.....	200 00
20		" " N. B. Colcock, for Grange Record to Sub. Granges.....	125 00
21		" " R. J. Doyle, <i>re</i> Grange Trust.....	100 00
24		" " N. B. Colcock, for printing.....	150 00
28		" " Bro. L. R. Whitman, for services in Quebec	21 97
28		" " Bro. James Arnison, for organizing Gran- ges in Manitoba.....	21 50
May 8		" " N. B. Colcock, for printing.....	48 21
July 12		" " N. B. Colcock, for Grange Record to Sub. Granges.....	151 00
12		" " N. B. Colcock, for printing.....	150 00
12		" " N. Weatherston, expenses <i>re</i> Grange Trust	35 22
Nov. 10		" " For Jewels, duty, etc.....	87 95
10		" " Bro. H. Leet, for visiting Granges in Que- bec.....	15 00
29		" " N. B. Colcock, for printing.....	223 70
		" " Bro. E. H. Hilborn, Wor. Master, for post- age, etc.....	37 86
		" " Bro. W. P. Page, Secretary, salary.....	500 00
		" " Bro. J. P. Bull, Treasurer, salary.....	60 00
			\$4263 30
Balance.....			1897 05
			<u>\$6160 35</u>

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

38 Granges organized under Div. Granges, at \$10.....	\$ 380 00	
17 Granges outside of Divisions, at \$20.....	340 00	
55 Granges organized.....		\$ 720 00
4 Division Granges, Charter fee.....		8 00
Received for sale of By-Laws and printed matter.....	174 38	
Received for sale of Jewels.....	202 08	
Received from Sub. Grs. <i>re</i> General Agency.....	45 00	
		421 46

QUARTERLY DUES.

From Divisions, balance on September quarter, 1878...	\$ 229 13	
From Sub.....	6 72	
From Divisions for December quarter, 1878.....	895 82	
From Sub. for December quarter, 1878.....	40 77	
From Divisions for March quarter, 1879.....	556 32	
From Sub. for March quarter, 1879.....	30 52	
From Divisions for June quarter, 1879.....	548 03	
From Sub. for June quarter, 1879.....	30 76	
From Divisions for September quarter, 1879.....	845 66	
From Sub. for September quarter, 1879.....	43 20	
		3226 93
Total receipts from 30th November, 1878, to 30th No- vember, 1879.....		
		<u>\$4376 39</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Stationery	\$ 6 44
Express	5 40
Telegraphing	10 41
Bank Drafts	1 88
Advertising	18 24
Tin Cases for new Granges	30 25
D. W. Page, asst. sec. (at annual meeting, 1878)	14 45
Discount on Bills (Exchange and Consolidated)	1 90
Discount on Lower Province Bills	2 12
Sundry expenses in connection with annual meeting, 1878	18 78
Material for wreaths	4 05
Making Regalia	7 40
Furnishing boxes, packing and shipping Jewels	20 00
Making Wreaths	5 00
Autograph (E. H. Hilborn)	1 65
Washing and ironing Regalia	1 00
Rolph, Smith & Co., (woodcut, etc)	5 25
S. W. Hill, postage, etc	1 25
Postage (W. P. Page, as Secretary)	75 18
	\$ 230 65

EXPENSES OF MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

For Session of December 21st, 1878	\$ 45 00
“ January 25th, 1879	105 74
“ February 22nd, 1879	137 24
“ July 10th, 1879	129 85
“ September 18th, 1879	80 80
	498 63

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Sept. 20th, Expenses of Grange Encampment, at Toronto Industrial Exhibition	\$ 34 15
Sept. 27th, Expenses of Encampment, Ottawa	72 98
Expenses to Toronto, re Grange (W. P. Page)	7 30
Paid Deputies for organizing outside of Division	212 68
Returned to Division	70
	327 81

AMOUNT DEPOSITED WITH TREASURER.

Dec. 23rd, 1878	\$ 12 50
Dec. 27th, 1878	83 00
Jan. 27th, 1879	166 10
Feb. 28th, 1879	210 05
Mar. 10th, 1879	325 00
Mar. 28th, 1879	150 00
May 5th, 1879	311 88
June 7th, 1879	323 16
July 21st, 1879	301 00
Sept. 3rd, 1879	110 80
Oct. 10th, 1879	143 82
Nov. 6th, 1878	102 95
Nov. 29th, 1879	1079 04
	\$3319 30
Total disbursements from 30th Nov., 1878, to 30th Nov., 1879	\$4376 39

Bro. L. Cheyne, Chairman of Auditing Committee, submitted their report:

AUDITORS' REPORT, 1879.

To the Worthy Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange:

We, the undersigned auditors of the Dominion Grange, beg leave to submit the report of the various accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer for the past year, and after having given them our most careful examination, have found them perfectly correct.

Receipts as per Treasurer's accounts.....	\$6160 35
Disbursements as per Treasurer's accounts.....	4263 30
Balance in Treasurer's hands 30th Nov., 1879.....	\$1897 05

And for details would refer you to Secretary and Treasurer's report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUTHER CHEYNE, }
LEVI R. WHITMAN, } *Auditors.*

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Drury, on behalf of Committee on officers' reports, submitted their report:

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange:

Your Committee beg to report,

We concur in the sentiment of the Master's address, relative to the importance of making the Sessions of this Grange seasons of earnest work in the advancement of the interests of our Order, and trust that each year may witness improvement in our ability to conduct the business of the Grange.

We heartily endorse the sentiment that agriculture is the foundation of the nation's power and wealth, and should be regarded as such by all classes of the community.

We deprecate the extreme party feeling which characterizes the politics of the country, and which often results in the true interests of the country being lost sight of. Yet your Committee feel that under our form of Government parties are necessary, and will continue to exist; but we believe that it is the duty of farmers to use all lawful means to place in positions of honor and trust members of their own class.

Finally, your Committee trust that the labors of the Executive Committee, in connection with the new Constitution, will be found acceptable to the Grange, and settle for years to come this long vexed question which, at each session of the Grange, has occupied so much time.

Your Committee have passed in review the able and instructive address of the Secretary, and sincerely trust that it will receive—not only from the members of this Grange, but from our whole membership—that close attention which its importance merits, as the utterance of so responsible an official.

Your Committee rejoice at the great success which has attended the pub-

lication of a Grange paper, and heartily recommend it to the support of our members.

Your Committee feel that it is matter for congratulation that, notwithstanding numerous adverse influences, there has been an increase during the year, after making all deductions, of 4 Division and 55 Subordinate Granges, and an increase of 2,665 members.

Your Committpe have had laid before them a letter from the Worthy Overseer, Bro. Blair, of Nova Scotia, and recognize the importance of the question of Provincial Granges, a subject which we are led to believe has received the earnest attention of the Executive Committee, and is embodied in the new Constitution, to be submitted to the Grange at its present session.

We deeply regret the serious illness of Bro. Blair, which has prevented his attendance here, and recommend that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to him by the Secretary.

We have carefully perused the exhaustive report of the Executive Committee, and beg to express our concurrence in their action in setting aside a small sum to supplement appropriations from Division Granges, for the employment of Lecturers, and trust it will result in arousing increased interest in our work.

Your Committee have made enquiry as to the letting of the printing contract, and have been assured that, although there was some difference of opinion among the members of the Committee as to the lowest tender, yet the convenience of having the printing done near the Secretary's office, led the Committee to award the contract to Bro. Colcock. We observe there has been a decrease in this item for the current year of \$330.00.

With reference to the Secretary's salary, we are of opinion that, in view of the fact that no quarterly reports are now issued, that the work of organization is small, and that all business with Subordinate Granges is done through Division Secretaries, a reduction should be made in the salary of the Secretary; and therefore recommend that until the proposed change with respect to Provincial Granges comes into force, the salary be at the rate of \$400.00 per annum.

Reference is made in the report to various needed amendments in the Municipal and School laws of Ontario; but as most of these questions have been referred to other Committees, we do not feel called upon to deal with them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. McN. PATTERSON,
CHARLES DRURY,
A. H. PETTIT.

Moved by A. McN. Patterson,
Seconded by C. Drury,

That the report of Committee on Officers' Reports be adopted.
Carried.

R. J. Doyle, Chairman of Committee on mileage and per diem, submitted their report :

Report on Mileage and Per Diem,

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your Committee beg to report,

Suggesting to the Dominion Grange that all members be paid their actual traveling expenses to and from the meeting of Dominion Grange ; also, \$1.25 per day during attendance at same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. DOYLE,
S. PARSONS,
ALEX. M. WIGLE.

Moved by R. J. Doyle,

Seconded by C. Drury,

That the report of committee on mileage and per diem be adopted.

Moved in amendment by W. J. Massey,

Seconded by J. C. Black,

That the report be so amended that members of the Dominion Grange receive \$2 per day and railroad fare.

Lost.

Moved by T. A. Good, Div. No. 8,

Seconded by Wm. Forrester, Div. No. 25,

That members be paid their actual railroad fare, also \$1 per day while the Grange is in session.

Lost.

On vote the report was adopted.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange assembled at the appointed time.

Moved by A. Gifford, Div. No. 2,

Seconded by J. Robinson, Div. No. 18,

That a committee be named by the Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to report respecting the salaries to be hereafter paid to officers of the Dom. Grange, and report not later than three o'clock this afternoon.

Carried.

Moved by T. A. Good, Div. No. 8,

Seconded by W. Forrester, Div. No. 25,

That we proceed with the revision of the Constitution, and hold an evening session for the purpose of electing officers for the following year, provided the revision is completed

Carried.

On motion, it was determined to reconsider the report of committee on mileage and per diem.

Moved by H. McKenzie, Div. No. 15,

Seconded by W. Forrester, Div. No. 25,

That the report of committee on mileage and per diem be so amended that members receive the sum of \$1.25 per day while in session, also railroad and stage expenses, as well as other expenses while travelling, provided they do not exceed the sum of \$1.00 per day.

Carried.

Committee on railways submitted the following report, which, upon motion, was adopted:

Report of Committee on Railways.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and members of Dominion Grange:

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

We are much pleased to find that the various Railways have kindly granted reduced fares to both delegates and members attending this session of the Dominion Grange.

And we recommend that our Secretary extend the thanks of this Grange to the Managers of said Railroads.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH MCKENZIE,
JOHN RAMSEY,
BENJAMIN BLOISE.

Moved by S. White, Div. No. 11,

Seconded by T. H. McRea, Div. 44,

That the election of officers be the first order of business at the evening session.

Carried.

Bro. Sprague, on behalf of committee on Officers' Salaries, submitted their report :

Report of Committee on Officers' Salaries.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your committee appointed to recommend the amounts to be paid the various officers of Dominion Grange, report as follows :

That after carefully considering the matter referred to them, recommend that the officers of Dominion Grange be paid as hereinafter mentioned :

1. That the Worthy Master be paid all the necessary expenses in connection with his office, and that he render an account of the same to the Executive Committee, at least once a year.

2. That the salary of the Worthy Secretary be the sum of \$400 per annum, over and above postage, stationery, and other necessary expenses.

3. That the salary of the Worthy Treasurer be the sum of \$50 per annum.

4. That the Executive Committee be paid \$2 per day while attending the meetings thereof, railroad fare and other traveling expenses to and from said meetings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE,
JNO. A. SPRAGUE,
JOHN RAMSEY.

Committee Room, }
December 11, 1879. }

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by H. McKenzie, Div. No. 15,

Seconded by J. Cook, Div. No. 44,

That the Treasurer be instructed not to pay any of the delegates until during the last session of this Grange, without the permission of the Grange.
Carried.

Moved by J. B. Aylesworth,

Seconded by W. Anderson, Div. No. 42,

That Bro. S. White, our Worthy Lecturer, have permission to retire for the purpose of attending meeting of County Council, of which he is a member.

Carried.

Bro. L. R. Whitman, on behalf of Committee on Commercial Relations, submitted their report. :

Report of the Committee on Commercial Relations.

To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your Committee on Commercial Relations beg leave to submit the following report :

That after having carefully considered the papers referred to us, and the commercial relations of the Order, and while we have much pleasure in expressing satisfaction with the progress the Order has made in practically applying the principles of co-operation in its different enterprises, we would suggest that we, in future, endeavor to concentrate our purchases as much as possible, believing that to do so, we will not only get advantages in

proportion, but also command the attention and respect of commercial circles. Your Committee has examined the report of the Dominion Grange agency, also the charter, stock-book and by-laws of the Grange Wholesale Supply Company, and believe it is an excellent system to establish. We would thereby concentrate our purchases, and inasmuch as the stock will be largely distributed among the members, and, represented and controlled by them, with judicious management, it will become a mammoth establishment and a system of co-operation based upon business principles, and we trust that after receiving the prospectus it will be well considered by every Grange, and that a prompt and liberal subscription of stock will be given by the Grange and individual members.

Transportation of farm products to market is also an outgrowth of, and properly a part of the question of co-operation, and a part that has laid a firm hold on the minds of our people. In a country like ours, reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the transportation of farm products by wagons to market is of course out of the question.

Railroads are a necessity of the times and circumstances.

Fully recognizing this the government has kindly fostered and liberally subsidized them. And when we say the government we mean the farmers, as it is they who pay the taxes.

The people and Municipalities have heavily taxed themselves to aid in their construction, expecting substantial benefit in return. While we readily assent to the fact that railroads, even as now conducted, add immensely to the development of the country and the convenience of the people, still we feel deeply wronged at the return made for the kind and liberal spirit we have shown them.

Rates of freight and express charges are often exorbitantly high, and frequently changed. Often a larger bill is charged for a short distance than a long one, thus discriminating against places; and often higher rates are charged one individual than another, thus discriminating against persons.

When we plant a crop, we can only guess what it will cost to send it to market, for we are slaves of those whom we created.

Shall we submit to this? Immense in numbers and strength, are we willing to submit that we are incapable of self-defence? What is the remedy?

Here lies the difficulty: Some may advocate new routes; but that will add one more link to the chain that binds us hand and foot. We see no solution of this question, but that each Subordinate, Division, Provincial and Dominion Grange petition Dominion Parliament, (and ask each individual member with whom you come in contact to support it), to avail itself of its constitutional right to regulate the tariffs of railroads. That this right is vested in the government of this Dominion seems wholly clear.

When a railroad is to be built, the line of which crosses our private property, and we do not wish to have this property mutilated, we frankly so inform the railroad.

Government then steps in and very properly says: This railroad is for the development of the country, and on the grounds that the public good demands its construction, you must sell them a right of way, and we will allow you a reasonable compensation therefor.

Now, it seems clear to us, that the same government which can take our land for the public good, and fix the price therefor, can say to this railroad: "The public good demands that you carry freights and persons at reasonable rates, which you must henceforth do, and we will decide what these shall be."

As well as anyone, we fully appreciate the difficulties which lie in the way of a tariff fixed by law; we can easily see where it may sometimes work hardship and even actual wrong. But it seems to us preposterous that disinterested men are not as competent as those interested to fix the rates which shall be just to the railroads and the people. To rely on competition for relief will only bring renewed disappointment.

Our past history shows that the increase of railroads has only resulted in more gigantic combinations.

The selling and getting our produce to market is of such importance, commercially, that it should receive at your hands most patient investigation and careful consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEVI R. WHITMAN, *Chairman*,
JAMES EDGE,
LUTHER CHEYNE.

On motion the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on House and Home was submitted by Sister Mrs. Starratt :

Report of Committee on House and Home.

To the Worthy Master and Officers of Dominion Grange :

We, your Committee on House and Home, beg to submit,--

That although much has been said on the subject under consideration, yet, it is, in our opinion, one of vast importance, and which cannot readily be laid aside, as it affects so directly the weal or woe of the human family.

We consider, therefore, that instead of relaxing our efforts it becomes our duty day by day, to foster and cherish every act, however trivial, tending to make home happy and attractive. On the Patrons of Husbandry, who reside principally in rural districts, and, who have not the many privileges and amusements accorded to those having their homes in cities, where varied attractions every day present themselves, devolves the high and holy duty of making home the dearest spot on earth.

As lovers of Nature we are largely indebted to the joyous spring-time with its bright sunshine and refreshing showers, awakening into life the tender blade, the budding plant and afterward the full blown rose, all of which contribute to charm and beautify our exterior surroundings ; but with the changing seasons comes stern Winter with its chilly days and long evenings, when we are reminded that on skillful hands and loving hearts depends the enjoyment of those within the home circle.

To further this object we would suggest, that as far as possible, without undue expenditure, every convenience in the interior arrangement of our homes be duly considered, to lessen the labor which often falls so heavily on the wives and daughters of those engaged in agricultural pursuits.

We would further suggest, that the shelves of the farmers' library be well filled with books, and, while we would most studiously avoid the trashy periodicals of the day, we would recommend that not only religious and

historical volumes, but also a pure literature suited to the tastes of youth, be found among the attractions of home.

We would not forget the sweet refining influences of music, which binds the family circle and cements the silken ties so firmly that neither time nor distance can sever this sacred union.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, MRS. W. E. STARRATT,
 " N. PETERS,
 " N. HEPINSTALL,
 " T. McLEOD,
 Bros. JESSE TRULL,
 W. H. OLLIVER.

On motion by Mrs. Starratt,
 Supported by Mrs. Peters,

The report was adopted.

The committee appointed to consult with the Directors of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition submitted their report:

Report of Committee on Industrial Exhibition, Toronto.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange:

Your Committee ask leave to report as follows, viz :

That your Committee met with two of the Directors of the Industrial Association at the American Hotel, according to appointment. A larger committee from the Association would have been present, had there been time to notify their members.

The Directors expressed anxiety that the Grange should send one or two delegates to their Board, to compose a part of their directorship, and through whom the suggestions of the Order could be communicated to the Board. The Committee approved of the suggestion made to them, and would recommend that it be carried out by this Grange.

S. W. HILL,
Chairman.

In accordance with report, Bros. J. P. Bull and John Ramsey were elected to act on the directory.

Moved by J. Robinson, Div. No. 18,

Seconded by W. Forrester, Div. No. 25,

That we adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange assembled at the appointed hour.

Master appointed W. J. Massey and Mrs. Massey, scrutineers.

The election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows :—

Master—E. H. Hilborn, Uxbridge, Ont.
 Overseer—S. White, Charing Cross, Ont.
 Lecturer—Col. W. E. Starratt, Paradise, N. S.
 Steward—W. J. Massey, Belleville, Ont.
 Asst. Steward—D. Sculley, Downeyville, Ont.
 Chaplain—O. C. S. Ault, Cornwall Centre, Ont.
 Treasurer—J. P. Bull, Downsview, Ont.
 Secretary—W. P. Page, Fonthill, Ont.
 Gate-keeper—L. R. Whitman, Lennoxville, Que.
 Ceres—Mrs. Starratt, Paradise, N. S.
 Pomona—Mrs. McCrea, Brockville, Ont.
 Flora—Mrs. McLean, Chatham, Ont.
 L. A. Steward—Mrs. Lethbridge, Strathburn, Ont.

Officers received the obligations of office from S. W. Hill, late Master.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. Gifford, Meaford, Ont.
 Chas. Drury, Crown Hill, Ont.
 J. B. Aylesworth, Newburgh, Ont.
 Wm. Anderson, Mountain View, Ont.
 J. Robinson, Middlemarch, Ont.

AUDITORS.

A. J. Hughes, Sharon, Ont.
 D. Kennedy, Peterboro, Ont.

F O U R T H D A Y.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12, 1879.

Grange assembled at 9 o'clock.

Worthy Master in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The consideration of Constitution was again resumed, and, after some amendments,

On motion, the Constitution of Provincial, Division, and Subordinate Granges was adopted as a whole.

Moved by R. McMordie, Div. No. 24,

Seconded by W. Keith, Div. No. 40,

That the further consideration of the Constitution be left over until the afternoon session, at which time it shall be the first order of business.

Lost.

Moved by W. Anderson, Div. No. 42,

Seconded by J. A. Sprague, Div. No. 41,

That the Constitution referring to the Executive Committee and other officers, as it existed for 1879, shall be continued until the next annual session of Dominion Grange.

Carried.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange assembled at the appointed time.

Consideration of amendments to Constitution resumed.

On motion it was resolved,

That the Constitution of Dominion Grange, as amended, be adopted as a whole, with the exception of that portion referring to the Executive Committee and other officers, as provided by previous resolution.

Sister McRea, on behalf of Committee on music submitted report. :

Report of Committee on Music.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

We, your committee on music, beg leave to report as follows :

That music is one of the few things especially calculated to elevate and refine the mind, and to draw man into higher and closer communion with the Great Master above.

Therefore, we would recommend that music, both instrumental and vocal

be encouraged, that parents use every means in their power to cultivate any such talent their children may have, and to encourage music in our home circles. We would also suggest that it would help to make our Grange meetings more entertaining, and would help to bring out our sisters and the younger members, for the complaint is very general that there is no amusement for them ; that all the talk is on buying groceries and selling produce. With these few considerations we earnestly recommend music at home and at the Grange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, MRS. F. H. McCREA,
MRS. J. C. BLACK,
WILLIAM MOWBRAY,
J. C. BLACK.

On Motion Report was adopted.

Bro. Massey, on behalf of Committee on Good of the Order submitted their report :

Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

We your Committee on Good of the Order make the following report:

We would recommend that all our Granges procure and use the new Ritual (fifth edition.)

That the Division and Subordinate Granges avail themselves of the provision made by the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange for Lecturers, and thus put efficient laborers in the field to revive the Granges that are now in a backslidden condition. And your Committee have confidence that new life and energy would thus be infused through every vein and artery of our noble Order, and establish more firmly the principles of the Grange, and also extend the privileges and benefits of our cause to those who are now outside the gates, and who should be counted as husbandmen and matrons.

As charity is one of the grand principles of our Order, we believe that, in the practising of that virtue, we might confer some degree of happiness upon our distressed brothers and sisters, who by misfortune have been deprived of the comforts of life, and burdened by sorrow by the removal of those whose protection and love caused light to spring out of darkness, and joy out of sorrow, but whose lives have been saddened by the hand of death. Let us not forget those beautiful lessons of charity taught in our Ritual, and by practising them cause a lonely brother or sister, out on life's tempestuous waves, to feel that they are not forgotten, but that they have a place to live in the affections of their brothers and sisters. In this way we can exemplify to our enemies the fallacy of their notions, and cause them to see the beauty of our Order, and if worthy, to seek an entrance to its precincts.

All of which we humbly submit.

W. J. MASSEY, *Chairman.*
J. B. AYLSWORTH,
WM. KEITH,
MRS. G. LETHBRIDGE,
MRS. S. PARSONS,
MRS. P. GILBERT.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by A. J. Hughes,
Seconded by I. Wilmot,

That the thanks of this Grange be, and are, hereby tendered to Messrs. Norris & Son for their kindness in supplying the Dominion Grange with musical instruments for use during the sessions of this Grange; and we would further recommend the firm to the patronage of the Order, as they were the first to accord to our organization the opportunity and benefits of the wholesale trade in musical instruments.

Carried.

Moved by A. Harkness,
Seconded by J. Robinson,

That the Secretary of Dominion Grange be instructed to forward to the Secretaries of all Subordinate Granges, not later than the 15th of July in each year, a circular asking for a concise report of the probable results of the harvests, in the locality of each Grange;

Such report to be returned not later than the 16th of August, to be tabulated by the Secretary and published in the GRANGE RECORD.

Carried.

Bro. Gilbert, chairman of Committee on Education, submitted their report:

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange:

We, your Committee on Education, beg to report:

That we have examined the suggestions referred to us, and would strongly urge the Minister of Education to take steps to shorten the summer vacations in rural districts to three weeks, as the present length of holidays seriously interferes with the education of our children, being obliged to keep small children home in winter, on account of the severity of the weather.

And further suggest that the School Act be so amended that children of non-residents, owning property in School Sections, shall have privileges of such schools without any rate bill.

We would express satisfaction with the present system of collecting school taxes, and would strongly urge the Government to leave the law, with respect to Township School Boards, permissive, instead of making it compulsory.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PETER GILBERT, *Chairman*,
A. J. HUGHES,
JAMES TAYLOR,
THOS. S. MCLEOD,
WILLIAM AULD.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Bro. R. J. Doyle, chairman of Committee on Banking and Loaning, submitted report:

Report of Committee on Loaning.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange:

We, your Committee on Loaning, beg to report,

That the Loaning Company incorporated and being organized under the authority of the Dominion Grange, is now in a fair way of becoming an established institution, which your committee trust and believe will have the effect of greatly reducing the rate of interest paid by those of our brethren who require to use borrowed capital, and who avail themselves of the advantages offered by the Grange Trust.

Though the progress of organization has been slow yet your committee have reason to believe that it is being organized on a system which will commend itself to all who understand its principles and objects.

The Provisional Directors have studied the principles of existing Loaning Institutions, and have endeavored to incorporate into the "Grange Trust" those features found to be advantageous to the borrower without injury to the stockholders and bondholders, keeping before them the grand aim of its organization, namely: to secure foreign capital on the security of the real estate of this country, rather than on the promises to pay of a class, many of whom do not own real estate and consequently cannot give as valuable security as the farmers of Canada for foreign capital. In view of the fact that there are, to-day, thirty-nine Building and Loaning Societies doing business in Ontario, which have loaned in this Province about \$25,000,000; many of which report to the Government that they are receiving from 8 to 12 per cent. interest for capital loaned to the farmers of this Province,

Your committee are of opinion that the organization of the "Grange Trust" on principles which will enable members of our Order, who are now paying exorbitant rates of interest, to retain in their own possession the dividends now being received by thousands of non-producers—who live on the profits extracted from the borrower—and thus secure money at net cost and working expenses.

The magnitude of the undertaking can only be realized by the brethren who have acted as Provisional Directors—who have labored hard to overcome the many difficulties presenting themselves to secure harmony between the interests of borrowers, stockholders and bondholders, and deserve the thanks of the Dominion Grange for their very onerous labors in connection with this company.

Your committee are pleased to be in a position to convey to you the fact that nearly two-thirds of the whole call on stock has been paid by cash and application for first mortgages, and that so soon as the balance is paid up the company will be fully organized and ready to place their bonds on the market, and elect directors to manage the "Trust."

Your committee have no doubt but the Provisional Directors will have completed their work at an early date, and succeed in establishing a company which will materially reduce the rate of interest, thereby contributing largely to the prosperity of the country.

R. J. DOYLE,
ROBT. LOCKHART,
HUGH DAVIDSON.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Starratt, chairman of committee on Foreign Relations, submitted report :

Report of Committee on Foreign Relations, 1879.

Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

We, the committee on Foreign Relations, beg to submit the following report :

Whereas, the suggestions referred to this committee, relative to petitioning Dominion Government for the readjustment of the tariff on corn, we consider does not come properly under the head of Foreign Relations, and would therefore most respectfully suggest that it be referred to the committee on Commercial Relations.

We are pleased to observe by the address of our Worthy Master, that he was so cordially and fraternally received by the Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange of the United States of America, showing, in an unmistakable manner, the good will and amity existing among the brethren of different nationalities.

And we have also much pleasure in recommending that the Worthy Master be our delegate to represent this Dominion Grange at the National Grange of the United States at its next annual session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, W. E. STARRATT,
JOHN WATERS,
JOHN A. SPRAGUE.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Parsons, Chairman of Committee on Fire Insurance, submitted the following :

Insurance Report, 1879.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your Committee on Insurance beg respectfully to report that they have had under consideration the various documents laid before them.

1st—Recommendations from Divisions Nos. 41 and 42 asking that the Dominion Grange Fire Insurance Association do so amend their constitution as to cover the risks of Steam Threshing Machines, during the time they are employed by the policy holders of said company.

2nd—Suggestions from Division No. 28, advising risks to be increased by Grange Insurance Company so as to cover stock, in the fields, injured by lightning.

Your committee after carefully considering the above suggestions would recommend the Directors of our Insurance Association to carefully consider the same at next board meeting.

Your Committee in accordance with recommendation from Divisions Nos. 22 and 34, would further recommend that this Grange consider the advisability of having a life Insurance Association in connection with the Fire Insurance Company.

Your Committee have great pleasure in informing you that the growth of our Insurance Association has been all that could be desired, risks being taken at the rate of one and a-half Millions of Dollars per annum since date of organization, and when we consider that the operations of the association are

confined strictly within the limits of our order we think that every member has cause to feel grateful.

Your Committee beg further to inform you that up to December 7th, the amount held at risk was \$3,294.762 ; Reserve Capital, \$73,285.84 ; Cash and short date notes, \$8,914.62 ; Policies in force, 2,719, showing an average of between \$1200 and \$1300 per policy.

Your Committee would further suggest that Secretaries of Subordinate Granges be asked to kindly assist our agents in procuring risks and rendering all other assistance that may be within their power so to do, in order to further advance the interest and growth of the association.

Your committee feel that they can confidently recommend the Dominion Grange Fire Insurance Association to the members of our order, for the following reasons :

1st—Because it is the cheapest.

2nd—We believe it to be the safest.

3rd—Because it is *our* association.

4th—Because it is the offspring of our Noble Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. PARSONS, *Chairman.*
JONATHAN JARVIS,
DENNIS SCULLY.

Dated, this 12th Dec., 1879.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by H. McKenzie, Div. No. 15,

Seconded by W. E. Starratt, Div. No. 49,

And Resolved,—

That the Dominion Grange instruct the Executive Committee to have one copy of the CANADIAN FARMER AND GRANGE RECORD sent as file copy to each and every Subordinate Grange under its jurisdiction, for one year, and that the sum of seventy-five cents, for each paper so sent, shall be advanced by the Dominion Grange, being their full liability therefor ;

And further, that Subordinate Granges are requested to forward the full subscription price, \$1.00, for said paper, to the Dominion Grange Secretary, who shall give his receipt therefor, and deposit the same in Dominion Grange funds till the total sum advanced by the Dominion Grange has been returned to the treasury ; the balance then, if any, to be paid over to the publishers.

After some discussion it was deemed advisable not to adopt the clause suggested by the above resolution, but that all Subordinate Granges be advised to subscribe and pay the regular price for the paper, the same to be kept on file in each Grange for reference, etc.

Moved by A. J. Hughes,

Seconded by A. Gifford,

And Resolved,—

That the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange are hereby authorized and instructed to petition the Dominion Legislature, at its next session, to so amend the Act of Incorporation of this Grange that it shall confer all powers on this organization required in accordance with the amended Constitution as adopted at the present session of this Grange ;

And further be it resolved, that the amended Constitution shall not come

into force until the expiration of three months after the amendment of said act ;

And provided further, that that portion of the clause relative to the number of the members of the Executive Committee shall not come into force until the next general election of the officers of Dominion Grange.

Moved by A. J. Hughes,
Seconded by D. Kennedy,

That, as changes are required in Acts of Incorporation, the Executive Committee be instructed to submit the necessary amendments and alterations to legal authority previous to making the application to Parliament for said changes.

Carried.

The following resolution was read by the secretary, and upon being submitted to the Grange was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, seven-tenths of the population of Ontario are producers from the soil, and form, by tax, the greater proportion of the ratepayers of the Province ;

And whereas, the general and technical education of their immediate successors is a matter of paramount importance, inasmuch as upon their success depends, to a large extent, the national wealth, and for the next two decades, in the competition with other countries where the cost of agriculture is less and labor and capital more easily procured, that success, with a soil of diminishing fertility, can only be obtained by bringing to bear the greatest amount of skill, knowledge and intelligence ;

And whereas, they are unable from force of circumstances, for their sons intending to follow their own profession, to take advantage of the higher general education existing in the Province, assisted, materially as it is, out of the public funds, to which they are the largest contributors ; or from a capitalized revenue arising from the purchase money of a portion of their own lands, or if they do take advantage thereof find it too extensively general and not even approximately technical ;

And whereas, they have not any desire in the country's interest to have the necessary legislation which, by making their profession a monopoly, would enable them to maintain of themselves schools wherein such technical subjects could be taught ;

And whereas, a great proportion of the requisite knowledge for such an education can only be obtained by a long continued and extensive series of experiments under peculiar climatic conditions, for which no single individual, under the system of landed proprietorship existing in Ontario, has the necessary capital.

Therefore, we, the Dominion Grange, representing a large portion of the agricultural population of Ontario, the only portion thereof formally organized into a body, having placed education as one of the foundation stones of our Order, desire again to express our high gratification at the establishment, by the Province, of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, and our great pleasure at its continued progress.

And we would respectfully suggest to the Government and Legislature the propriety of speedily taking such steps as may place it like all our other educational institutions, outside the pale of party conflict, and obviate the loss of any other trained men, and the adoption of such measures as in their wisdom may seem best for its continued permanence and security, and its affiliation with our other educational institutions, and with every organized

body of agriculturists throughout the Province ; and they feel assured that were these suggestions carried into practical effect the result would be to give the institution a higher status, to assist greatly in enabling it to fulfil the ends of its establishment, and to increase and intensify the appreciation thereof by the whole of the agricultural population of Ontario.

And be it further resolved, that the Executive Committee be instructed to appoint a committee to wait on the Premier, the Minister of Agriculture, and the Minister of Education, to present a copy of the foregoing resolution, and explain the views therein expressed.

Moved by C. A. O'Malley, Div. No. 18,

Seconded by T. A. Good, Div. No. 8,

That no disbursements of the funds of Dominion Grange shall be made between its sessions without the accounts therefore being submitted in detail to the Executive Committee, and the payment thereof authorized by said committee.

Carried.

Moved by Sister Mrs. Hilborn,

Seconded by Sister Mrs. Massey,

That the thanks of this Grange be tendered Bro. Harris, and also Mr. Lumbers, for supplying tea and coffee for the benefit of members during the session.

Carried.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange assembled at the appointed time.

The evening was principally taken up in reading reports and their discussion.

Bro. Pattullo, Chairman of Committee on Temperance, submitted their report, as follows :

Report of Committee on Temperance.

To the Worthy Master, Officers, Sisters and Brothers of Dominion Grange :

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following report :

That in view of the inaction of various temperance organizations throughout the country, brought about partially by disappointed hopes in the working of the Dunkin Act, which has been so generally tried in the Province of Ontario ; and also that all radical changes, if successful, generally encounter a stubborn and even warlike opposition ; and also considering the success which has attended the working of our present License Act ; have come to the conclusion that the more successful way of combatting the evils arising from the use of strong drink, by legislative enactment, is to gradually restrain,

rather than to attempt to suddenly enforce an entire prohibitory measure. While we recognize the importance and desirability of removing the monster evil from our land, and feel that, as good patrons, we long to see the standard of morality raised to the position we believe it will occupy when the evil is entirely removed, yet, as the present unsatisfactory state of the temperance cause is due—not so much to defective laws as to the lack of having those laws properly carried out—our duty, at the present time, appears to be, to throw all the influence of our fraternity on the side of those who are endeavoring to have the present License Law rigidly enforced, and also to hold ourselves in readiness to aid in any great movement in the direction of temperance reform. We would submit, as our opinion, that the time has come when a greater restraint might be successfully laid upon the license system, and, as the raising of licenses has been found very effective in lessening the number of taverns, we would recommend the various Subordinate Granges to render their services by petitioning their respective Municipal Councils to raise the license, and otherwise restrict and regulate the sale of liquor—by early closing, &c.,—according to the powers invested in Municipal Councils by the provisions of the Crook's Act.

We would also suggest that social entertainments, of a musical and literary character should be encouraged among us, as having a tendency to supply the want of social enjoyment to many who would otherwise seek it in places where liquor is sold.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, W. T. PATTULLO,
JOHN LINDSAY,
O. C. S. AULT,
MRS. HILBORN,
MRS. MASSEY,
MRS. DOYLE.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Hepinstall, chairman of committee on Claims and Grievances, submitted their report.

After a slight alteration the report was adopted as follows :

Report of Committee on Claims and Grievances.

To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your committee on Claims and Grievances respectfully submit :

That they regard the rapid and, in many cases, wasteful destruction of our forests as a very great grievance; thereby rendering the summer's heat more oppressive and the winter's cold more vigorous; decreasing the timely rains and increasing the winter winds which sweep our wheat fields and grass lands bare of their natural covering, obstructing our highways, etc., etc.

Believing that if the attention of farmers and others was directed to the sad results of this wholesale deforestation, and that if reliable information was widely diffused upon the subject that in many cases the "axeman would spare the trees." Having this object in view, your committee do earnestly recommend that this Grange ask the Dominion Government to grant a \$100 prize for the best essay upon the influence which trees and forests exert upon the winds, snows and rains, and also their influence upon the productiveness of the country generally. Said essay to be as short and concise as the importance of the case will admit.

That the Government appoint judges to decide upon the merits of said essays. That said competing essays be sent to the chairman of said judges

within 100 days from date of publication of said Government grant. That the judges make their award within 140 days from date of such publication. That a copy of the prize essay be placed in the hands of one of the said judges and the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange for future use, as said parties may direct.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

S. T. PETTIT,
P. HEPINSTALL,
WM. FORESTER,
N. PETERS,
S. WHITE.

Moved by S. T. Pettit, Div. No. 1,

Seconded by P. Hepinstall, Div. No. 21,

That the secretary be instructed to correspond with the Government on the subject contained in the above report, and make known the action of the Grange.

Carried.

Bro. Leader, on behalf of Committee on Social Entertainment, submitted their report :

Report of Committee on Social Entertainment.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your committee on Social Entertainment beg leave to report as follows :

At the outset we are most happy to congratulate the Dominion Grange on the final completion of perfect fraternal and consequently social relations with the National Grange of the United States, as exemplified in the cordial reception accorded to your representatives upon the occasion of the last meeting of said National Grange.

In treating of social matters generally, your committee cannot refrain from reminding our farmers here, in Grange assembled, of the great examples of social courtesies, set constantly before us by the most Gracious and Illustrious Lady, who sways the sceptre of those broad realms, of which our fair Dominion forms an integral part, and which is further exemplified and brought nearer, by the advent among us of our present Governor General and of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, whose liberal social qualities, have been felt throughout the length and breadth of our land.

How is the Dominion Grange doing the work of regeneration in social matters? When we see the large gathering here assembled, not only of delegates, but of visitors, many of whom have traveled long distances to be present on this occasion, in those signs of social progress and development, we find ample cause for encouragement and gratification ; and at the same time feel assured that the isolated conditions and habits of farm life, so long complained of are being broken up, and that social intercourse is assuming a breadth and strength among us, of which, but a very short time ago we had never dreamed.

And your committee have observed with pleasure the strong social tendencies of our Division Grange meetings, and would earnestly recommend Masters and Delegates from Subordinate Granges to induce their members who are not delegates, to visit Division Granges as much as possible, for we feel fully persuaded that by such visits our members are strengthened and encouraged and that their confidence in the Grange is renewed.

In the social work of our Subordinate Granges, your committee would strongly recommend united and untiring efforts on the part of both brothers and sisters, that this most interesting part of our work shall in no way fail. Very much do the success and prosperity of our Order depend on the course

taken by our Subordinate Granges in this matter. Among the greatest efforts to be put forth, we would recommend public gatherings of the Grange. We would also recommend social entertainments, to which outsiders may be admitted, and thus become better acquainted with us, with our object, with our principles, that prejudice may be removed, and that these visitors may learn to feel assured that we gather together with malice to none and with charity to all. We would also suggest social gatherings, at which intellectual entertainment shall be a leading feature, in the shape of lectures, essays, recitations, readings, music, &c. In this way we shall attract toward the Grange the youthful members of our calling.

And your Committee would beg most respectfully to recommend to the Lecturers of our Order, from the Subordinate Granges upward, that they take a more active part in endeavoring to promote the objects above specified, to the end that the honorable office which they represent may not become a dead letter among us, for it is plainly laid down in the rules of the Grange that our lecturers should take a leading part in furnishing intellectual entertainment for the Grange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHNSON LEADER,
JOHN COOK,
DAVID NICHOLS,
MRS. L. R. WHITMAN,
MRS. A. GIFFORD.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. A. Gifford, chairman of committee on Memorials to Legislature, submitted their report :

Report of Committee on Memorials to Legislature.

To the Master and Members of the Dominion Grange.

We your committee appointed to consider changes required in the Provisions of the Municipal Act, beg leave to report as follows :

Respecting the power now possessed by cities, towns and incorporated villages to levy market fees upon produce offered for sale within their limits, your committee would recommend, that the Executive Committee of this Grange be instructed to draft and present to the Hon. Executive Council of Ontario, a memorial with their signatures and the seal of this Grange attached asking that such power be withdrawn from said corporations. Such memorial to be presented at an early date that the petition contained therein may receive the consideration of the next session of the Ontario House.

With reference to the prohibition of stock running at large upon the highways, we find there is already a provision in the Act giving municipalities power to regulate this matter, and while we readily concede the difficulties experienced, by isolated municipalities availing themselves of this provision, we fear that to change the present permissive system to one making it obligatory, would inflict hardships on the new sections of the country. However, your committee would recommend that the power now granted to the councils of townships, cities, towns, and incorporated villages, be extended to counties.

In considering the exemption from taxation, your committee have experienced great difficulty ; in fact we find it impossible in the short space of time at our disposal to give just and intelligent suggestions as to the changes required. When we inform you that there are no less than twenty-five clauses in the Act referring to the exemption of as many different classes of property, many of which are again subdivided, you will recognize the task of

giving to each, that consideration which your committee think would be their duty, before memorializing the Government respecting legislation thereon.

Having in view the importance to the whole community of any Legislation upon the subject of tax exemption, mode of assessing real and personal property, reductions in County Councils, &c., your committee would recommend that the Executive Committee be empowered to receive suggestions from Division and Subordinate Granges embodying their views respecting those subjects, and, upon such, found a petition to the Government, said petition to be circulated among all Granges interested, for signatures, and when returned be filed and forwarded to the Legislature.

In addition to suggestions on the foregoing subjects your committee have had others on the following, viz :

Respecting making it compulsory upon manufacturers of sleighs to construct such, with a uniform distance between the runners. This we are aware is a very important matter to those sections of the country where the snow lies deep, and should we think be pressed upon the attention of the Government.

Another respecting petitioning the Dominion Parliament to adopt the Decimal system in weights and measures. This system, your committee admit, has many advantages, but cannot recommend a change at the present time.

One other suggestion, based, your committee presume, on the principle that good cooking is an important factor in the happiness and welfare of the nation, is that a department of cookery be added, by the Local Legislature, to the Agricultural College. Though your committee highly appreciate the possession, by our daughters, of a finished culinary education, they fear that but comparatively few would avail themselves of the advantages such an institution would furnish, therefore cannot recommend it, but would, if we may be allowed, suggest that farmers' daughters devote more of their time to assisting their mothers in household duties, and by this means obtain the benefits a school of this kind would confer, and which would draw down blessings innumerable on their heads.

Signed, A. GIFFORD,
JABEL ROBINSON,
R. McMORDIE,
H. A. BAKER.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by J. Robinson, Div. No. 18,

Seconded by T. A. Good, Div. No. 8,

That all resolutions passed at this session be kept on file until after the next session of this Grange.

Carried.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, Div. No. 2,

Seconded by J. Robinson, Div. No. 18,

That the treasurer of this Grange be instructed to pay the sum of \$33 to the members of N. D. D. Grange for conferring the fifth degree, which, with other funds provided, will pay necessary expenses.

Carried.

Moved by A. Gifford,

Seconded by A. J. Hughes,

That the sum of \$4.00 be paid the care-taker of this hall for preparing the tea and coffee furnished by Bro. Harris and Mr. Lumbers, and the care and attention given during the sessions.

Carried.

The Grange was then closed in due form by Worthy Master Hilborn.

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